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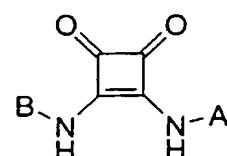
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(54) Title: COMBINATION TREATMENTS FOR CHEMOKINE-MEDIATED DISEASES

(57) Abstract: Methods of treating chemokine-mediated diseases are disclosed. The methods comprise the administration of CXC-Chemokine receptor antagonists of the formula (Chemical formula should be inserted here as it appears on abstract in paper form), or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof, in combination with other classes of pharmaceutical compounds. The chemokine-mediated diseases include acute and chronic inflammatory disorders, psoriasis, cystic fibrosis, asthma and cancer. Also disclosed are novel compounds of formula (I).

COMBINATION TREATMENTS FOR CHEMOKINE-MEDIATED DISEASES

5 **Field of the Invention**

This invention relates to the treatment of chemokine mediated diseases using CXC chemokine receptor antagonists in combination (or association) with other pharmaceutical compounds.

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Background of the Invention

Chemokines are chemotactic cytokines that are released by a wide variety of cells to attract macrophages, T-cells, eosinophils, basophils, neutrophils and endothelial cells to sites of inflammation and tumor growth. There are two main 15 classes of chemokines, the CXC-chemokines and the CC- chemokines. The class depends on whether the first two cysteines are separated by a single amino acid (CXC-chemokines) or are adjacent (CC-chemokines). The CXC-chemokines include interleukin-8 (IL-8), neutrophil-activating protein-1 (NAP-1), neutrophil-activating 20 protein-2 (NAP-2), GRO α , GRO β , GRO γ , ENA-78, GCP-2, IP-10, MIG and PF4. CC chemokines include RANTES, MIP -1 α , MIP-2 β , monocyte chemotactic protein-1 (MCP-1), MCP-2, MCP-3 and eotaxin. Individual members of the chemokine families are known to be bound by at least one chemokine receptor, with CXC-chemokines 25 generally bound by members of the CXCR class of receptors, and CC-chemokines by members of the CCR class of receptors. For example, IL-8 is bound by the CXCR-1 and CXCR-2 receptors.

Since CXC-chemokines promote the accumulation and activation of neutrophils, these chemokines have been implicated in a wide range of acute and chronic inflammatory disorders including psoriasis and rheumatoid arthritis. Baggolini et al., FEBS Lett. 307, 97 (1992); Miller et al., Crit. Rev. Immunol. 12, 17 (1992); 30 Oppenheim et al., Annu. Rev. Immunol. 9, 617 (1991); Seitz et al., J. Clin. Invest. 87,

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Hence, the CXC-chemokine receptors represent promising targets for the development of novel anti-inflammatory agents.

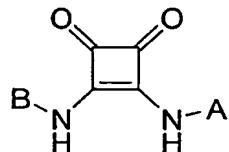
5 There remains a need for an improved method of treating CXC-chemokine mediated diseases. For example, conditions associated with an increase in IL-8 production (which is responsible for chemotaxis of neutrophil and T-cell subsets into the inflammatory site) would benefit by an improved method that inhibits IL-8 receptor binding. Such an improved method is provided by this invention.

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Summary of the Invention

This invention provides a method of treating a CXC chemokine mediated disease comprising administering to a patient (i.e., a mammal, e.g. human) in need of such treatment, a therapeutically effective amount of:

15 (a) One or more (e.g., one) compounds of the formula (I):



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof; and

(b) One or more drugs, agents or therapeutics useful for the treatment of chemokine mediated diseases.

20 In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease comprising administering to a patient (e.g., a human) in need of such treatment, an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more disease modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) such as, for example, methotrexate, azathioprine, leflunomide, penicillamine, gold salts, mycophenolate, mofetil, cyclophosphamide and the like.

25 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease comprising administering to a patient (e.g., a human) in need of such treatment, an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of

formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as, for example, piroxicam, ketoprofen, naproxen, indomethacin, ibuprofen and the like.

In another embodiment the invention provides a method of treating a 5 chemokine mediated disease comprising administering to a patient (e.g., a human) in need of such treatment, an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a disease modifying antirheumatic drug (such as, for example, methotrexate, azathioprine, leflunomide, penicillamine, gold salts, mycophenolate, mofetil, cyclophosphamide and the like);
- (b) a nonsteroidal anitinflammatory drug (such as, for example, piroxicam, ketoprofen, naproxen, indomethacin, ibuprofen and the like);
- (c) COX-2 selective inhibitors such as, for example, rofecoxib and celecoxib;
- (d) COX-1 inhibitors such as, for example, piroxicam;
- (e) immunosuppressives such as, for example, methotrexate, cyclosporin, leflunimide, tacrolimus, rapamycin or sulfasalazine; and
- (f) steroids such as, for example, betamethasone, cortisone, prednisone or dexamethasone.

In another embodiment the invention provides a method of treating a 20 chemokine mediated disease comprising administering to a patient (e.g., a human) in need of such treatment, an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a disease modifying antirheumatic drug (such as, for example, methotrexate, azathioprine, leflunomide, penicillamine, gold salts, mycophenolate, mofetil, cyclophosphamide and the like);
- (b) a nonsteroidal anitinflammatory drug (such as, for example, piroxicam, ketoprofen, naproxen, indomethacin, ibuprofen and the like);
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- (e) immunosuppressives such as, for example, methotrexate, cyclosporin, leflunimide, tacrolimus, rapamycin or sulfasalazine;
- (f) steroids such as, for example, betamethasone, cortisone, prednisone or dexamethasone;
- 5 (g) a biological response modifier and
- (h) other anti-inflammatory agents or therapeutics useful for the treatment of chemokine mediated diseases.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease comprising administering to a patient (e.g., a human) in need of such treatment, an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I), in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more biological response modifiers (BRMs) such as, for example, anti-TNF antagonists including antibodies and/or receptors/receptor fragments, IL-1 antagonists, anti-CD40, anti-CD28, IL-10, anti-adhesion molecules and the like.

15 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease comprising administering to a patient (e.g., a human) in need of such treatment, an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of:

- 20 a) anti-inflammatory agents such as, for example, p38 kinase inhibitors, PDE4 inhibitors, and TACE inhibitors;
- b) chemokine receptor antagonists such as, for example, thalidomide;
- c) leukotriene inhibitors; and
- d) other small molecule inhibitors of pro-inflammatory cytokine production.

25 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease, said disease being a pulmonary disease (e.g., COPD, asthma, or cystic fibrosis) comprising administering to a patient (e.g., a human) in need of such treatment, an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of: glucocorticoids, 5-lipoxygenase inhibitors, β -2 adrenoceptor agonists, muscarinic M1 antagonists, muscarinic M3 antagonists, muscarinic M2 agonists, NK3 antagonists, LTB4 antagonists, cysteinyl leukotriene antagonists, bronchodilators, PDE4 inhibitors, PDE inhibitors, elastase

inhibitors, MMP inhibitors, phospholipase A2 inhibitors, phospholipase D inhibitors, histamine H1 antagonists, histamine H3 antagonists, dopamine agonists, adenosine A2 agonists, NK1 and NK2 antagonists, GABA- β agonists, nociceptin agonists, expectorants, mucolytic agents, decongestants, antioxidants, anti-IL-8 anti-bodies, 5 anti-IL-5 antibodies, anti-IgE antibodies, anti-TNF antibodies, IL-10, adhesion molecule inhibitors, and growth hormones. Agents that belong to these classes include, but are not limited to, beclomethasone, mometasone, ciclesonide, budesonide, fluticasone, albuterol, salmeterol, formoterol, loratadine, desloratadine, tiotropium bromide, MSI-ipratropium bromide, montelukast, theophylline, cilomilast, 10 roflumilast, cromolyn, ZD-4407, talnetant, LTB-019, revatropate, pumafentribe, CP-955, AR-C-89855, BAY-19-8004, GW-328267, QAB-149, DNK-333, YM-40461 and TH-9506 (or pharmaceutically acceptable formulations thereof).

In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease, said disease being multiple sclerosis comprising 15 administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of methotrexate, cyclosporin, leflunimide, sulfasalazine, β -methasone, β -interferon, glatiramer acetate, prednisone, etoncept, infliximab, and formulations 20 thereof.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease, said disease being rheumatoid arthritis comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an 25 effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of a COX-2 inhibitor, a COX inhibitor, an immunosuppressive, a steroid, a PDE IV inhibitor, an anti-TNF- α compound, MMP inhibitors, glucocorticoids, chemokine inhibitors, CB2-selective inhibitors, other classes of compounds indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, and formulations thereof.

30 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease, said disease being rheumatoid arthritis comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an

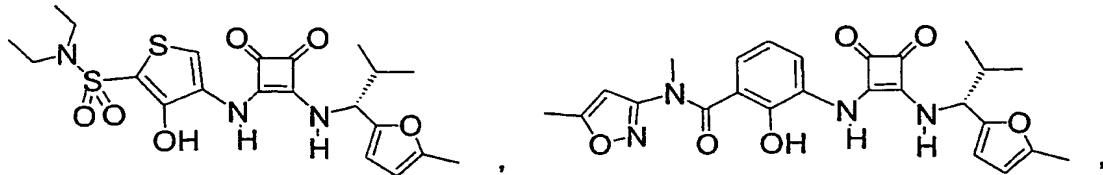
effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of a COX-2 inhibitor, a COX inhibitor, an immunosuppressive, a steroid, a PDE IV inhibitor, an anti-TNF- α compound, MMP inhibitors, glucocorticoids, chemokine inhibitors, and CB2-selective inhibitors.

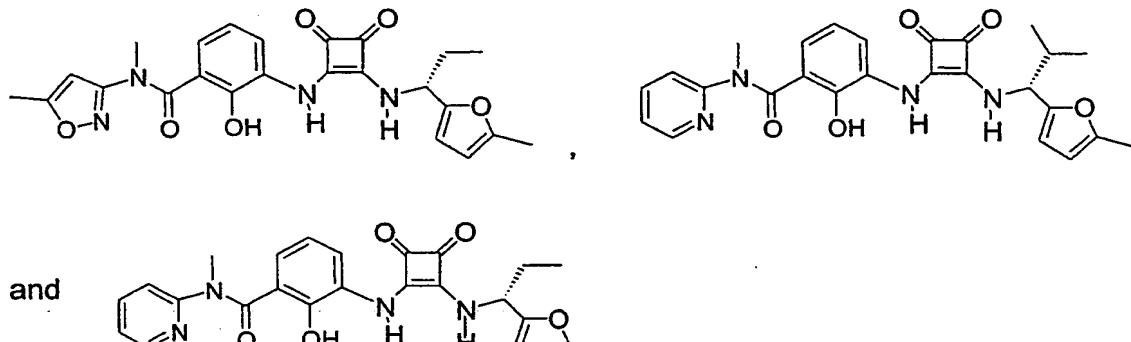
5 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease, said disease being stroke and cardiac reperfusion injury comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of 10 thrombolytics, antiplatelet agents, gpIIb/IIIa antagonist, anticoagulants, other compounds indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and formulations thereof.

15 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease, said disease being stroke and cardiac reperfusion injury comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of 20 thrombolytics, antiplatelet agents, gpIIb/IIIa antagonist, and anticoagulants.

25 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease, said disease being stroke and cardiac reperfusion injury comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of one or more (e.g., one) compounds of formula (I) in combination (or association) with an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of an effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of tenecteplase, TPA, alteplase, abciximab, eftiifbatide, heparin and formulations thereof.

This invention also provides novel compounds of formula (I), wherein said novel compounds are selected from the group consisting of:





or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Unless indicated otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout the present specification and claims. These definitions apply regardless of whether a term is used by itself or in combination with other terms. Hence the definition of "alkyl" applies to "alkyl" as well as to the "alkyl" portions of "alkoxy", etc.

When any variable (e.g., aryl, R^2) occurs more than one time in any constituent, its definition on each occurrence is independent of its definition at every other occurrence. Also, combinations of substituents and/or variables are permissible only if such combinations result in stable compounds.

"An effective amount" means a therapeutically effective amount, e.g., an amount that provides a clinical response to the disease being treated.

Examples of "one or more" include (a) 1, 2 or 3, (b) 1 or 2, or (c) 1.

Examples of "at least one" include (a) 1, 2 or 3, (b) 1 or 2, or (c) 1.

"Bn" represents benzyl.

"Alkyl" means a straight or branched saturated hydrocarbon chain having the designated number of carbon atoms. Where the number of carbon atoms is not specified, 1 to 20 carbons are intended. Preferred alkyl groups contain 1 to 12 carbon atoms in the chain. More preferred alkyl groups contain 1 to 6 carbon atoms in the chain.

"Alkoxy" means an alkyl-O group in which alkyl is as previously defined. Non-limiting examples of alkoxy groups include methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, iso-propoxy and n-butoxy. The bond to the parent moiety is through the ether oxygen.

5 "Alkenyl" means an aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing at least one carbon-carbon double bond and which may be straight or branched. Where the number of carbon atoms is not specified, 2 to 20 carbons are intended. Preferred alkenyl groups have 2 to 12 carbon atoms in the chain; and more preferably 2 to 6 carbon atoms in the chain. Non-limiting examples of suitable alkenyl groups include ethenyl, propenyl, n-butenyl, 3-methylbut-2-enyl, n-pentenyl, octenyl and decenyl. Alkenylalkyl means that the alkenyl group is attached to the parent moiety through an alkyl group.

10 "Alkynyl" means an aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing at least one carbon-carbon triple bond and which may be straight or branched. Where the number of carbon atoms is not specified, 2 to 15 carbons are intended. Preferred alkynyl groups have 2 to 12 carbon atoms in the chain; and more preferably 2 to 4 carbon atoms in the chain. Non-limiting examples of suitable alkynyl groups include ethynyl, propynyl, 2-butynyl, 3-methylbutynyl, n-pentynyl, and decynyl. Alkynylalkyl means that the alkynyl group is attached to the parent moiety through an alkyl group.

15 "Aryl" means an aromatic monocyclic or multicyclic ring system comprising about 6 to about 14 carbon atoms, preferably about 6 to about 10 carbon atoms. Non-limiting examples of suitable aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl, indenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indanyl, anthracenyl, fluorenyl and the like.

20 "Arylalkyl" means an aryl-alkyl group in which the aryl and alkyl groups are as defined. Non-limiting examples of suitable alkylaryl groups include o-tolyl, p-tolyl and xylyl. The bond to the parent moiety is through the alkyl group.

25 "Cycloalkyl" means a non-aromatic ring system having 3 to 10 carbon atoms and one to three rings, preferably 5 to 10 carbon atoms. Preferred cycloalkyl rings contain 5 to 7 ring atoms. Non-limiting examples of cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, norbornyl, adamantyl and the like.

"Cycloalkylalkyl" means a cycloalkyl group attached to the parent moiety through an alkyl group. Non-limiting examples include cyclopropylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl and the like.

30 "Cycloalkenyl" means a non-aromatic mono or multicyclic ring system comprising 3 to 10 carbon atoms, preferably 5 to 10 carbon atoms which contains at least one carbon-carbon double bond. Preferred cycloalkenyl rings contain 5 to 7 ring atoms. Non-limiting examples of cycloalkyl groups include cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cycloheptenyl, norbornenyl and the like.

"Halo" means fluoro, chloro, bromo, or iodo groups. Preferred are fluoro, chloro or bromo, and more preferred are fluoro and chloro.

"Halogen" means fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine. Preferred are fluorine, chlorine or bromine, and more preferred are fluorine and chlorine.

5 "Haloalkyl" means an alkyl group as defined above wherein one or more hydrogen atoms on the alkyl is replaced by a halo group defined above.

"Heterocycll" or "heterocyclic" means a non-aromatic saturated monocyclic or multicyclic ring system comprising 3 to 10 ring atoms, preferably 5 to 10 ring atoms, in which one or more of the atoms in the ring system is an element other than carbon, for example nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, alone or in combination. There are no adjacent oxygen and/or sulfur atoms present in the ring system. Preferred heterocycls 10 contain 5 to 6 ring atoms. The prefix aza, oxa or thia before the heterocycl root name means that at least a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom respectively is present as a ring atom. The nitrogen or sulfur atom of the heterocycl can be optionally oxidized to the corresponding N-oxide, S-oxide or S,S-dioxide. Non-limiting examples of 15 suitable monocyclic heterocycl rings include piperidyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiazolidinyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl, and the like.

The term heterocyclic acidic functional group is intended to include groups such 20 as, pyrrole, imidazole, triazole, tetrazole, and the like.

"Heteroaryl" means an aromatic monocyclic or multicyclic ring system comprising 5 to 14 ring atoms, preferably 5 to 10 ring atoms, in which one or more of the ring atoms is an element other than carbon, for example nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, alone or in combination. Preferred heteroaryls contain 5 to 6 ring atoms. The 25 prefix aza, oxa or thia before the heteroaryl root name means that at least a nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur atom respectively, is present as a ring atom. A nitrogen atom of a heteroaryl can be optionally oxidized to the corresponding N-oxide. Non-limiting examples of suitable heteroaryls include pyridyl, pyrazinyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, furazanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, 30 triazolyl, 1,2,4-thiadiazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, quinoxalinyl, phthalazinyl, imidazo[1,2-a]pyridinyl, imidazo[2,1-b]thiazolyl, benzofurazanyl, indolyl, azaindolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothienyl, quinolinyl, imidazolyl, thienopyridyl, quinazolinyl,

thienopyrimidyl, pyrrolopyridyl, imidazopyridyl, isoquinolinyl, benzoazaindolyl, 1,2,4-triazinyl, benzothiazolyl and the like.

"Heteroarylalkyl" means a heteroaryl-alkyl group where the bond to the parent moiety is through an alkyl group.

5 N-oxides can form on a tertiary nitrogen present in an R substituent, or on =N- in a heteroaryl ring substituent and are included in the compounds of formula I.

As used herein, the term "composition" is intended to encompass a product comprising the specified ingredients in the specified amounts, as well as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combination of the specified ingredients in the 10 specified amounts.

Compounds of formula (I) are described in WO 02/076926 published October 3, 2002, and WO 02/083624 published October 24, 2002, the disclosures of each being incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Examples of chemokine mediated diseases include: psoriasis, atopic 15 dermatitis, asthma, COPD, adult respiratory disease, arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, septic shock, endotoxic shock, gram negative sepsis, toxic shock syndrome, stroke, cardiac and renal reperfusion injury, glomerulonephritis, thrombosis, Alzheimer's disease, graft vs. host reaction, allograft rejections, malaria, acute respiratory distress syndrome, delayed type hypersensitivity 20 reaction, atherosclerosis, cerebral and cardiac ischemia, osteoarthritis, multiple sclerosis, restinosis, angiogenesis, osteoporosis, gingivitis, respiratory viruses, herpes viruses, hepatitis viruses, HIV (e.g., AIDS), Kaposi's sarcoma associated virus, meningitis, cystic fibrosis, pre-term labor, cough, pruritis, multi-organ dysfunction, trauma, strains, sprains, contusions, psoriatic arthritis, herpes, encephalitis, CNS 25 vasculitis, traumatic brain injury, CNS tumors, subarachnoid hemorrhage, post surgical trauma, interstitial pneumonitis, hypersensitivity, crystal induced arthritis, acute and chronic pancreatitis, acute alcoholic hepatitis, necrotizing enterocolitis, chronic sinusitis, angiogenic ocular disease, ocular inflammation, retinopathy of prematurity, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration with the wet type preferred 30 and corneal neovascularization, polymyositis, vasculitis, acne, gastric and duodenal ulcers, celiac disease, esophagitis, glossitis, airflow obstruction, airway hyperresponsiveness, bronchiectasis, bronchiolitis, bronchiolitis obliterans, chronic bronchitis, cor pulmonae, cough, dyspnea, emphysema, hypercapnea, hyperinflation,

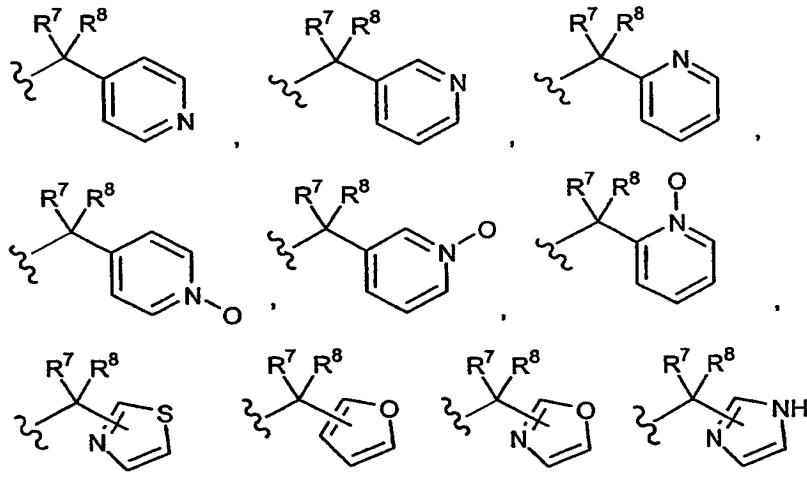
hypoxemia, hyperoxia-induced inflammations, hypoxia, surgical lung volume reduction, pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, right ventricular hypertrophy, peritonitis associated with continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD), granulocytic ehrlichiosis, sarcoidosis, small airway disease, ventilation-perfusion mismatching, wheeze, colds, gout, alcoholic liver disease, lupus, burn therapy, periodontitis, transplant reperfusion injury and early transplantation.

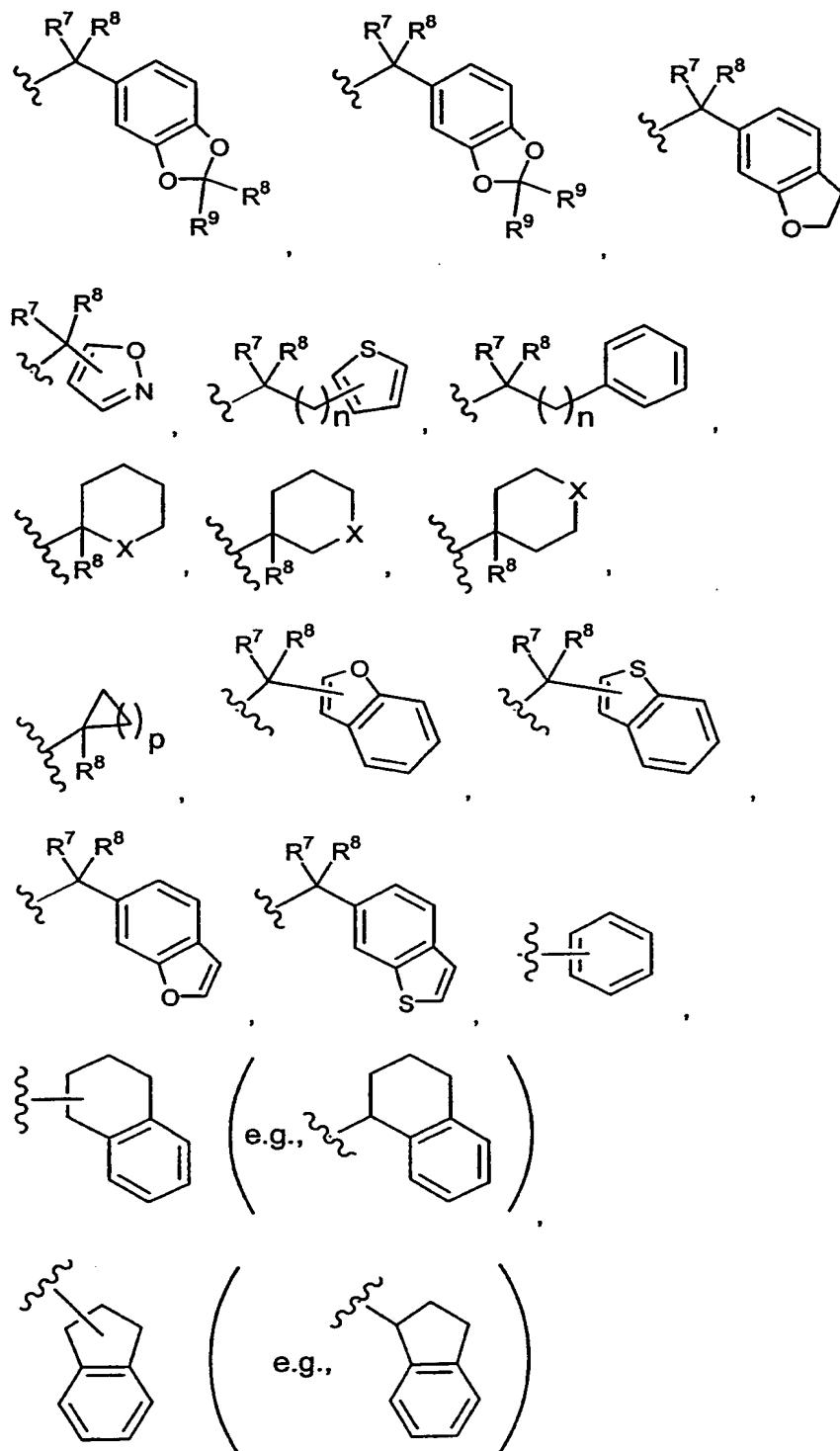
Examples of anti-adhesion molecules include anti-CD11a (efalizumab), CD58-Fc (alefacept), anti-VLA (natalizumab), as well as small molecule antagonists of LFA-1 (such as IC-747), VLA-4 (such as GW559090), and LFA-3. Examples of leukotriene inhibitors include LTD4 receptor antagonists (e.g., Singulair), Zileuton, and inhibitors of 5-lipoxygenase. Examples of inhibitors of cytokine production include inhibitors of TNF- α such as thalidomide. Examples of other classes of compounds indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis include inhibitors of p38 kinase, TNF- α converting enzyme (TACE), nitric oxide synthase and methotrexate.

For the compounds of formula (I):

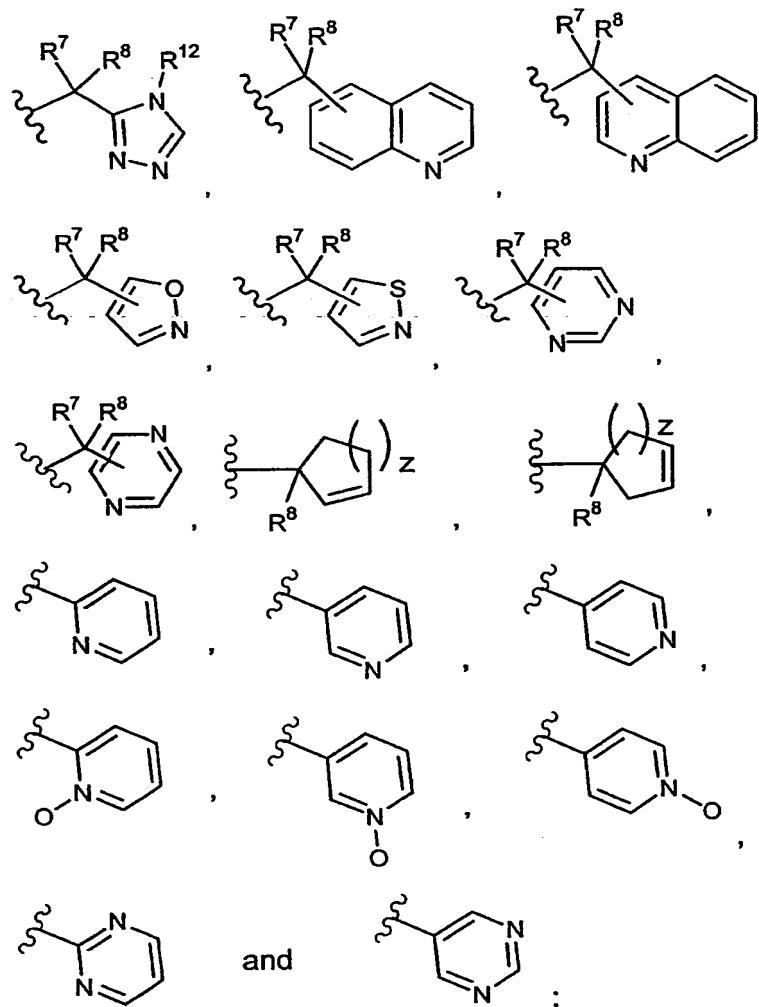
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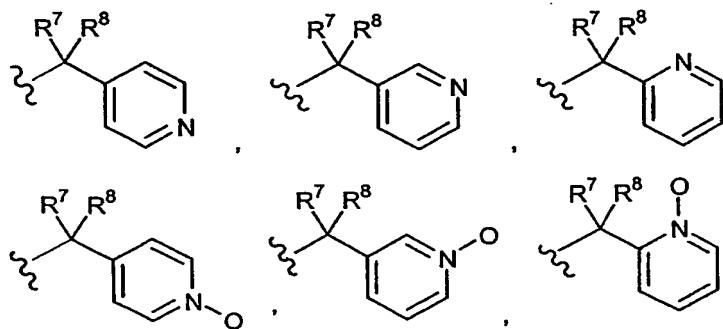
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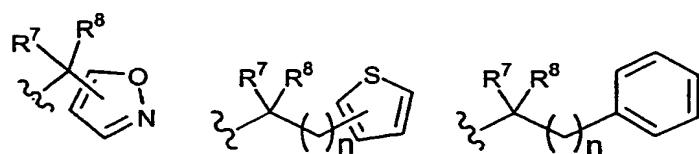
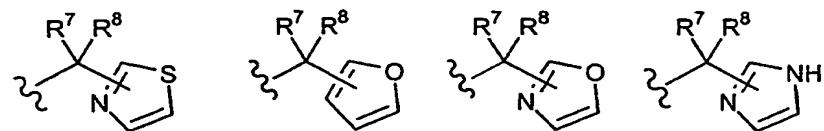
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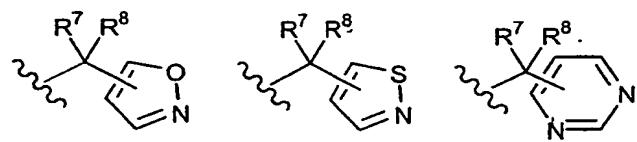
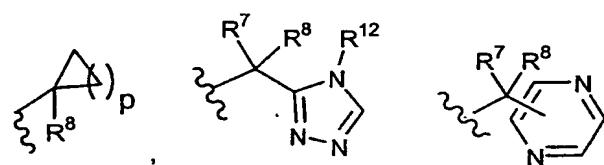
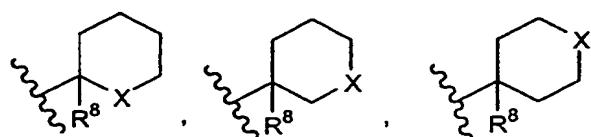
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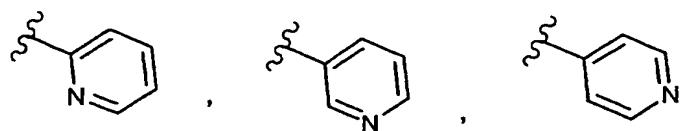
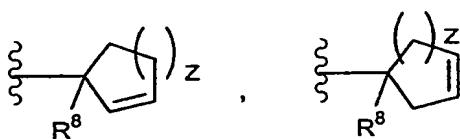
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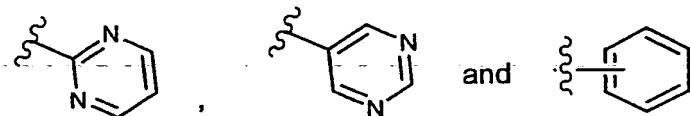
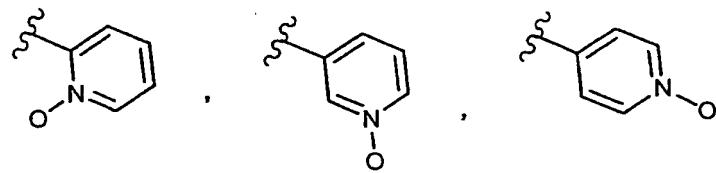
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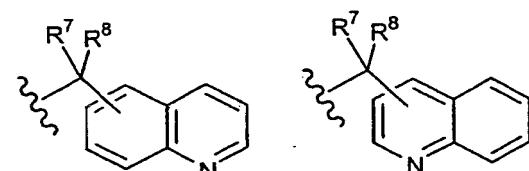
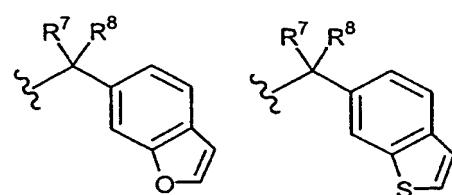
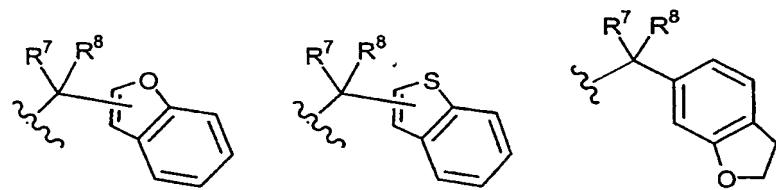
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5 wherein the above rings of said A groups are substituted with 1 to 6 substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

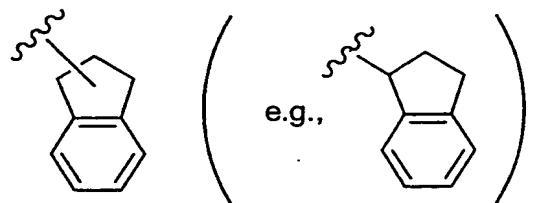
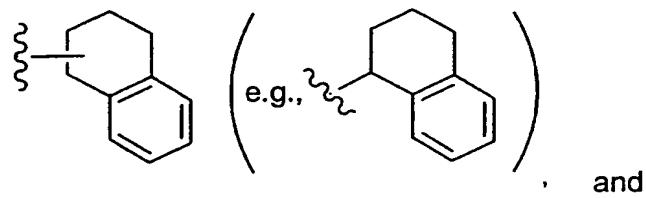
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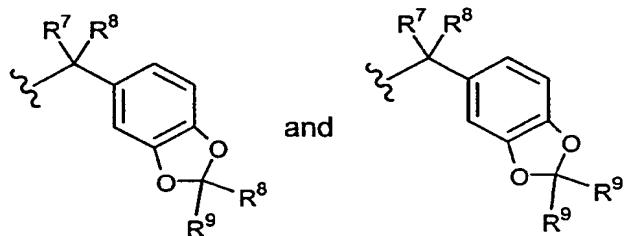
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5 wherein one or both of the above rings of said A groups are substituted with 1 to 6 substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

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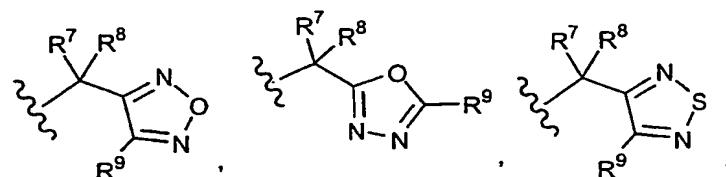


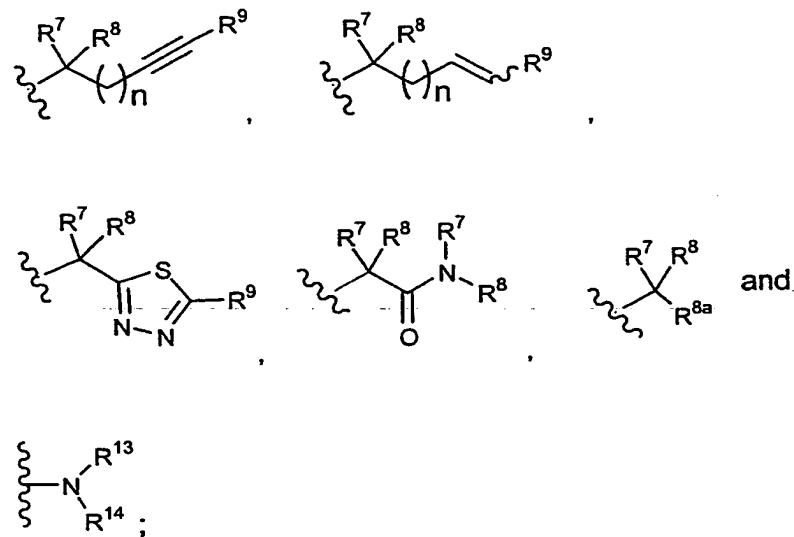
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wherein the above phenyl rings of said A groups are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; and

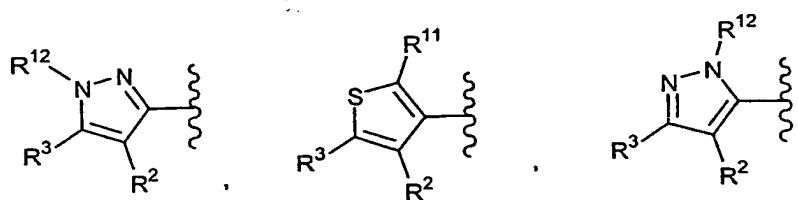
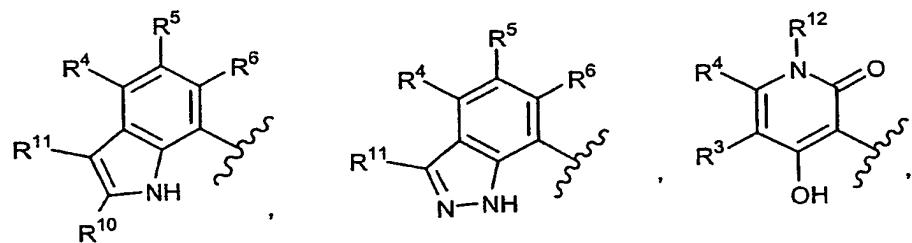
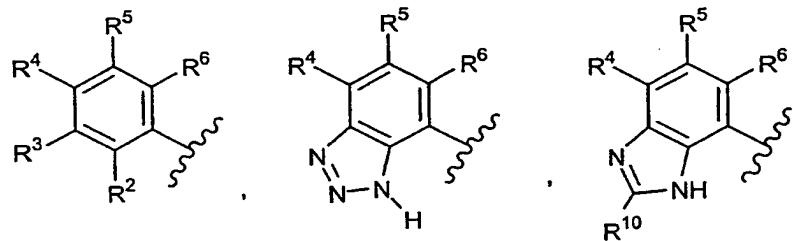
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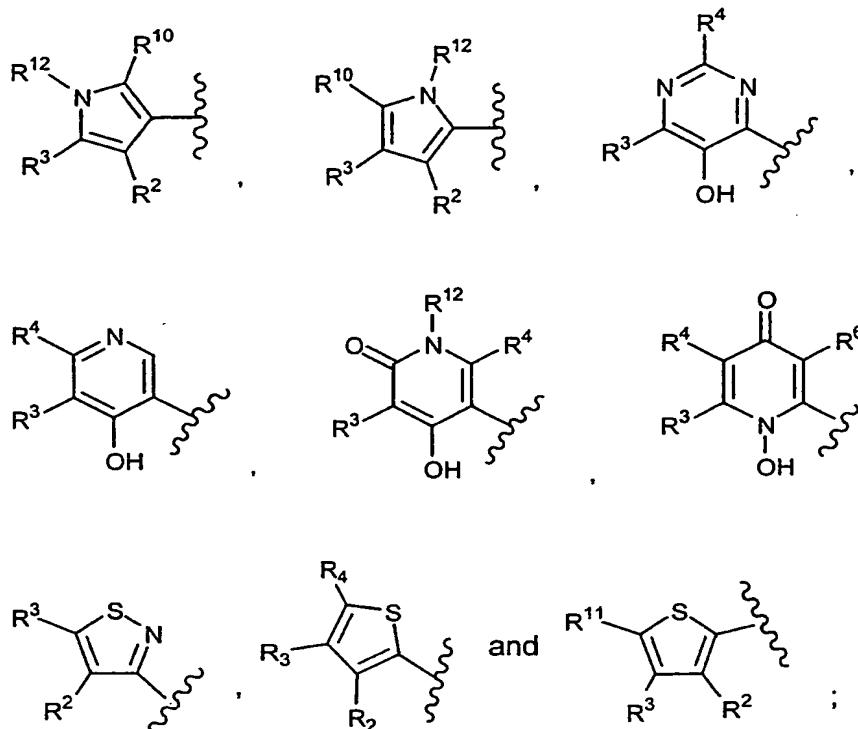
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B is selected from the group consisting of





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n is 0 to 6;

p is 1 to 5;

X is O, NH, or S;

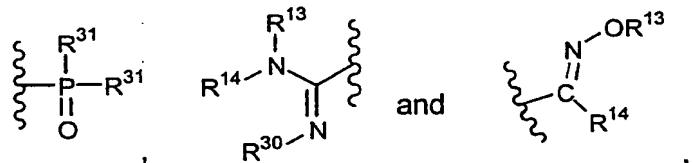
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Z is 1 to 3;

R² is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, OH, -C(O)OH, -SH, -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, -NHC(O)R¹³, -NHSO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, -NHSO₂R¹³, -NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)NHOR¹³, -C(O)NR¹³OH, -S(O₂)OH, -OC(O)R¹³, an unsubstituted heterocyclic acidic functional group, and a substituted heterocyclic acidic functional group; wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted heterocyclic acidic functional group each substituent being independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

each R³ and R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, cyano, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, -OH, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -NO₂, -C(O)R¹³, -C(O)OR¹³, -C(O)NHR¹⁷, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)R¹³, -C(O)NR¹³OR¹⁴, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl,

each R³ and R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, cyano, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, -OH, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -NO₂, -C(O)R¹³, -C(O)OR¹³, -C(O)NHR¹⁷, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)R¹³, -C(O)NR¹³OR¹⁴, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl,



wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted aryl group and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; and wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted heteroaryl group and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; 5 each R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -NO₂, -C(O)R¹³, -C(O)OR¹³, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)NR¹³OR¹⁴, cyano, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, and unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl group;

10 wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted aryl group and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; and wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted heteroaryl group and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; 15 each R⁷ and R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkylalkyl, -CO₂R¹³, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, alkynyl, alkenyl, and cycloalkenyl; and wherein there are one or more (e.g., 1 to 6) substituents on said substituted R⁷ 20 and R⁸ groups, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- a) halogen,
- b) -CF₃,
- c) -COR¹³,
- d) -OR¹³,
- e) -NR¹³R¹⁴,
- f) -NO₂,
- g) -CN,
- h) -SO₂OR¹³,
- i) -Si(alkyl)₃, wherein each alkyl is independently selected,

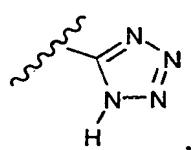
- j) $-\text{Si}(\text{aryl})_3$, wherein each alkyl is independently selected,
- k) $-(\text{R}^{13})_2\text{R}^{14}\text{Si}$, wherein each R^{13} is independently selected,
- l) $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{13}$,
- m) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- 5 n) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- o) $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{13}$,
- p) $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^{13}$,
- q) $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- r) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^{14}$, and
- 10 s) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{14}$;

(fluoroalkyl is one non-limiting example of an alkyl group that is substituted with halogen);

R^{8a} is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl;

15 each R^9 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- a) $-\text{R}^{13}$,
- b) halogen,
- c) $-\text{CF}_3$,
- d) $-\text{COR}^{13}$,
- 20 e) $-\text{OR}^{13}$,
- f) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- g) $-\text{NO}_2$,
- h) $-\text{CN}$,
- i) $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{13}$,
- j) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- 25 k) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{COR}^{14}$,
- l) $-\text{CONR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- m) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{14}$,
- n) $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{13}$,
- 30 o)



p) alkyl substituted with one or more (e.g., one) $-OH$ groups (e.g., $-(CH_2)_qOH$, wherein q is 1-6, usually 1 to 2, and preferably 1),

q) alkyl substituted with one or more (e.g., one) $-NR^{13}R^{14}$ group (e.g., $-(CH_2)_qNR^{13}R^{14}$, wherein q is 1-6, usually 1 to 2, and preferably 1), and

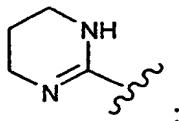
5 r) $-N(R^{13})SO_2R^{14}$ (e.g., R^{13} is H and R^{14} is alkyl, such as methyl); each R^{10} and R^{11} is independently selected from the group consisting of R^{13} , (e.g., hydrogen and alkyl (e.g., C_1 to C_6 alkyl, such as methyl)), halogen, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OH$, $-C(O)OR^{13}$, $-SH$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2R^{13}$, $-NHC(O)R^{13}$, $-NHSO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NHSO_2R^{13}$, $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-C(O)NR^{13}OR^{14}$, $-OC(O)R^{13}$ 10 and cyano;

R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, $-C(O)OR^{13}$, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkylalkyl, and unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl group; wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on the 15 substituted R^{12} groups and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R^9 groups;

each R^{13} and R^{14} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or 20 substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclic, unsubstituted or substituted fluoroalkyl, and unsubstituted or substituted heterocycloalkylalkyl (wherein "heterocyloalkyl" means heterocyclic); wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said 25 substituted R^{13} and R^{14} groups and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, $-CF_3$, $-OH$, alkoxy, aryl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, $-N(R^{40})_2$, $-C(O)OR^{15}$, $-C(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-S(O)_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-C(O)R^{15}$, $-SO_2R^{15}$ provided that R^{15} is not H, halogen, and 30 $-NHC(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$; or

R^{13} and R^{14} taken together with the nitrogen they are attached to in the groups $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$ and $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ form an unsubstituted or substituted saturated heterocyclic ring (preferably a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring), said ring optionally containing one additional heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: O, S and

NR¹⁸; wherein there are 1 to 3 substituents on the substituted cyclized R¹³ and R¹⁴ groups (i.e., there is 1 to 3 substituents on the ring formed when the R¹³ and R¹⁴ groups are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are bound) and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, 5 hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, amino, -C(O)OR¹⁵, -C(O)NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -SO₂NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -C(O)R¹⁵, -SO₂R¹⁵ provided that R¹⁵ is not H, -NHC(O)NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -NHC(O)OR¹⁵, halogen, and a heterocycloalkenyl group (i.e., a heterocyclic group that has at least one, and preferably one, double bond in a ring, e.g.,



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each R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl;

R¹⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: -SO₂alkyl, -SO₂aryl, -SO₂cycloalkyl, and -SO₂heteroaryl;

15 R¹⁸ is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -C(O)R¹⁹, -SO₂R¹⁹ and -C(O)NR¹⁹R²⁰;

each R¹⁹ and R²⁰ is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

20 R³⁰ is selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, cycloalkyl, -CN, -NO₂, or -SO₂R¹⁵ provided that R¹⁵ is not H;

each R³¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of: unsubstituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl; wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted R³¹ groups and each substituent is independently selected from the group 25 consisting of: alkyl, halogen and -CF₃;

each R⁴⁰ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and cycloalkyl;

g is 1 or 2; and

t is 0, 1 or 2.

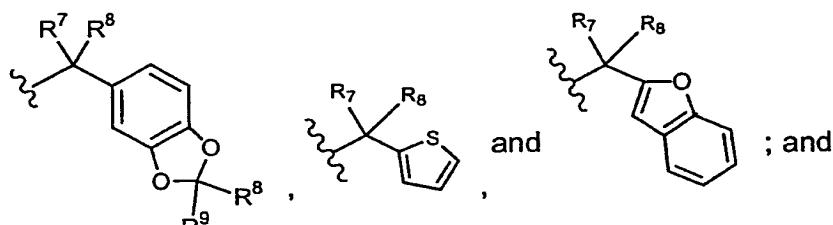
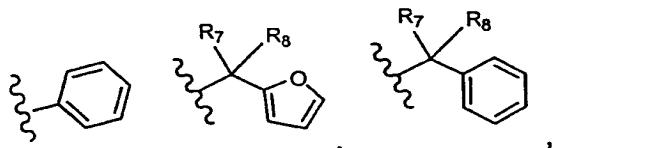
30 For compounds of formula (I), when R³ is -SO_(t)NR¹³R¹⁴ (e.g., -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴), preferably R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of: H and

alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl). Examples include, but are not limited to (1) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$ and (2) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} are the same or different alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), e.g., the same alkyl group, such as, for example $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$.

5 For compounds of formula (I), when R^3 is $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, preferably R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H and alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl). Examples include, but are not limited to $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ wherein each R^{13} and R^{14} are the same or different alkyl group, e.g., the same alkyl group, such as, for example $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$.

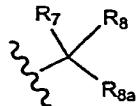
10 For the compounds of formula (I) substituent A is preferably selected from the group consisting of:

(1) unsubstituted or substituted:



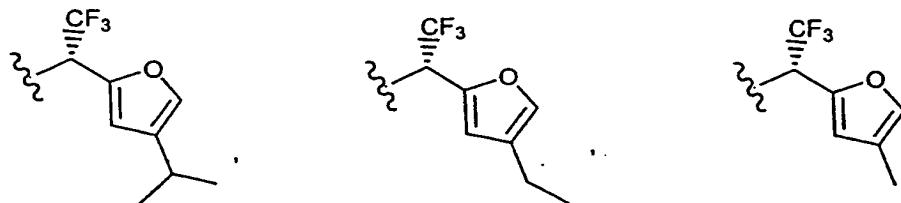
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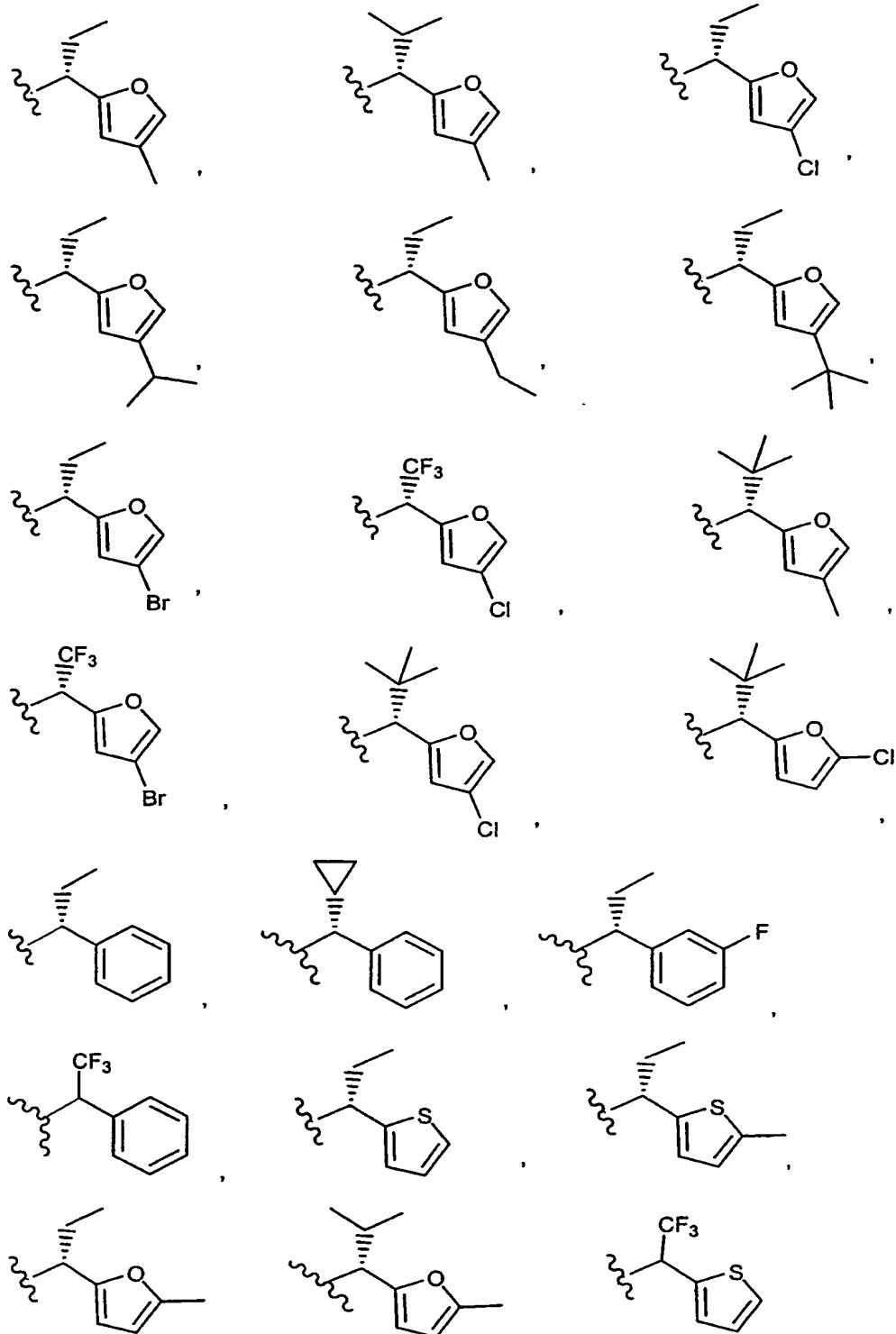


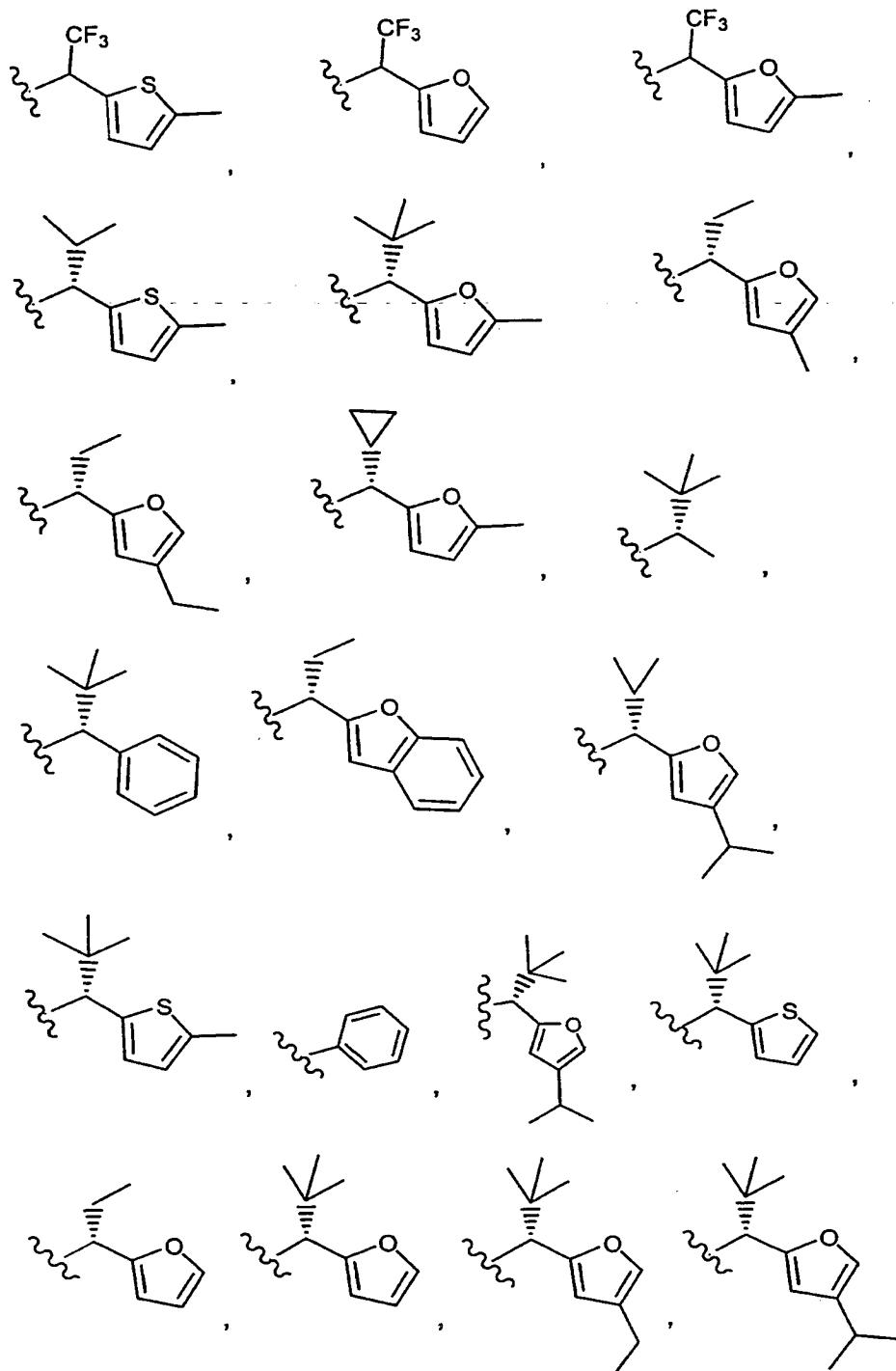
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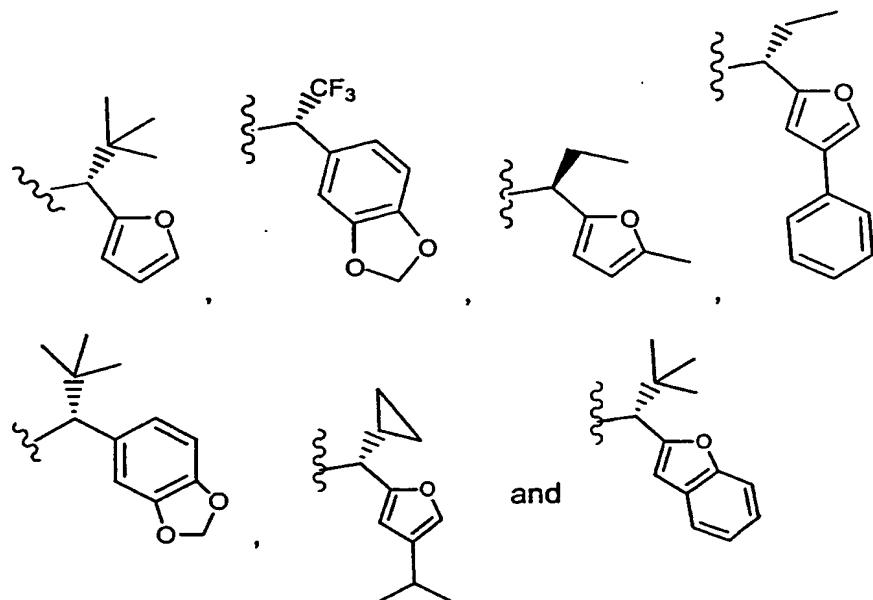
20 Examples of substituent A in formula (I) include, but are not limited to:



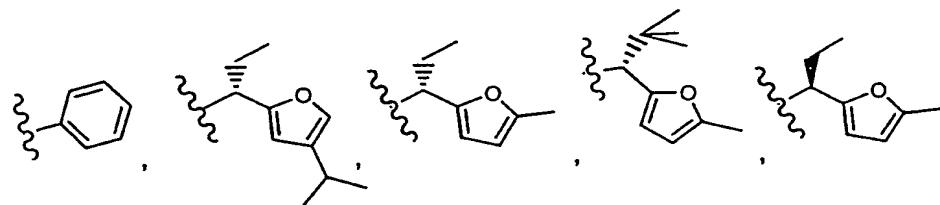
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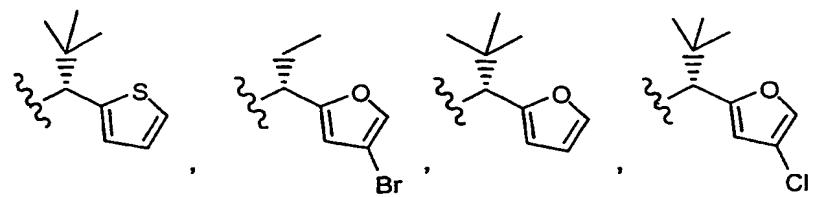
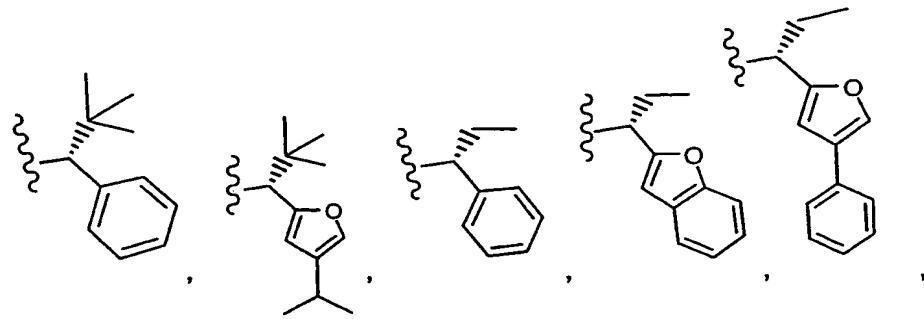


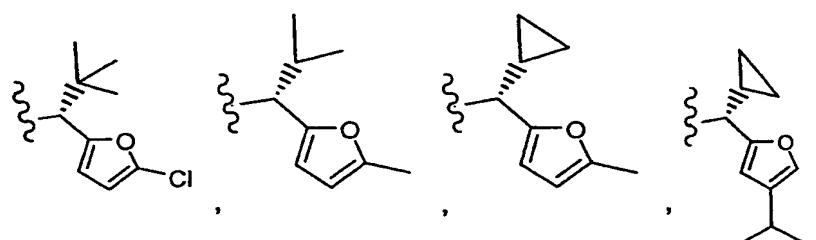
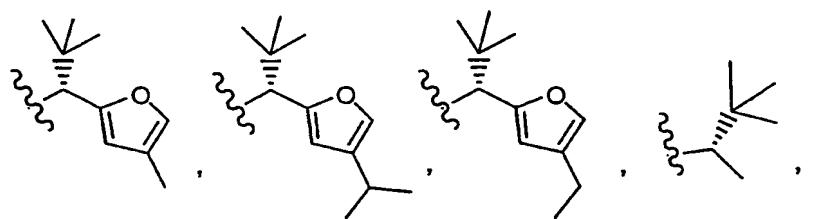


Substituent A in formula (I) is most preferably selected from the group consisting of:

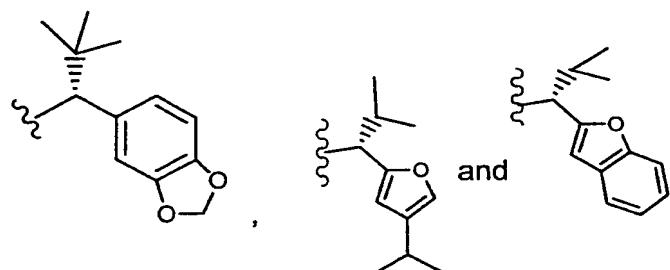


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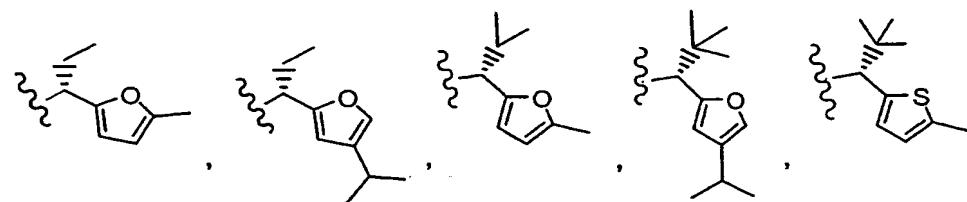




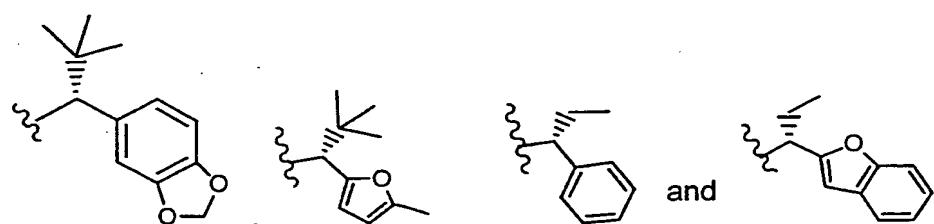
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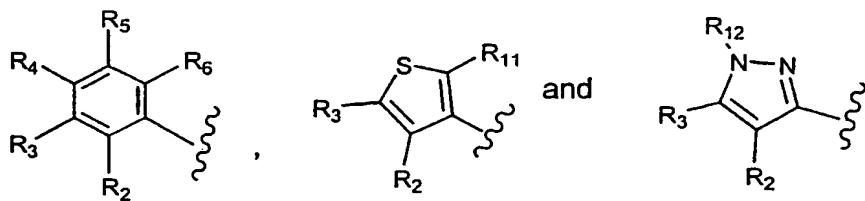
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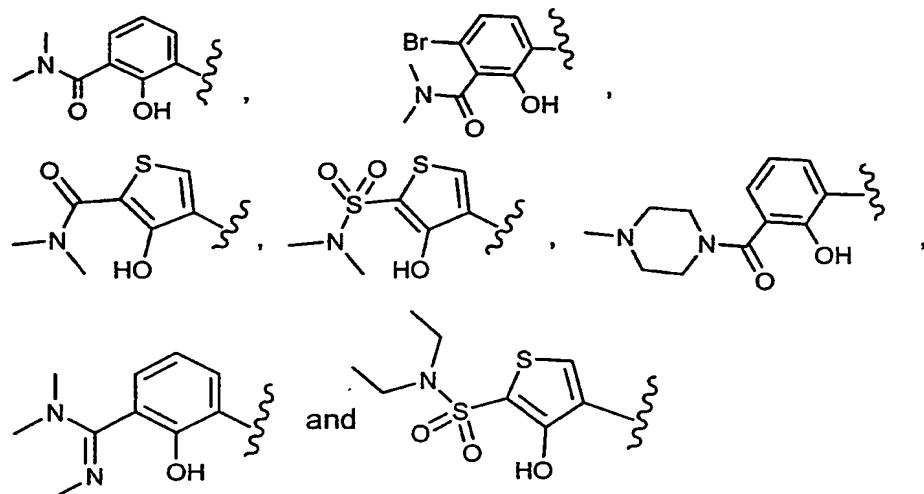


Substituent B in formula (I) is preferably selected from the group consisting of:

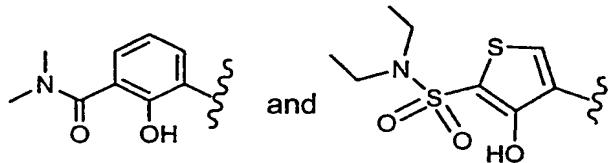


wherein all substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Substituent B in formula (I) is most preferably selected from the group consisting of:



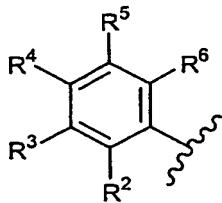
Substituent B in Formula (I) is more preferably selected from the group consisting of:



Compounds of formula (I) useful in the methods of this invention are described in the embodiments below. The embodiments have been numbered for purposes of reference thereto.

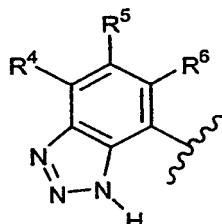
15 Embodiment No. 1 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:

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and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

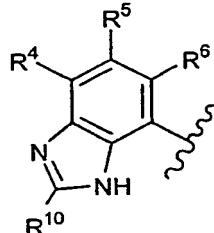
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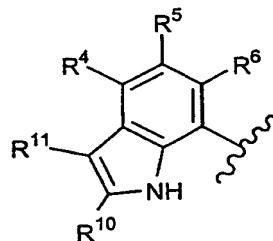
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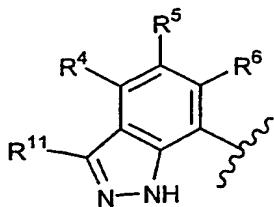
10 and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

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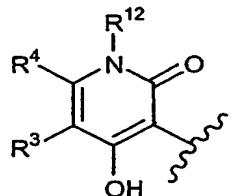
15 and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

Embodiment No. 5 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

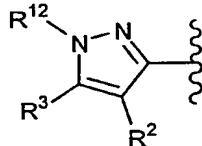
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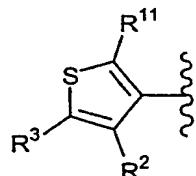
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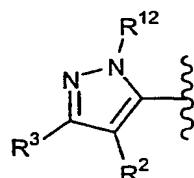
10 and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

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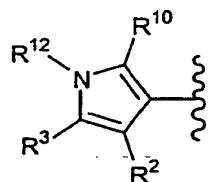
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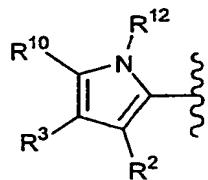
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Embodiment No. 10 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



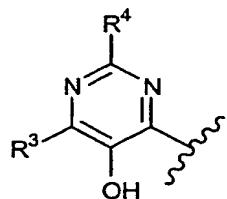
5 and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

Embodiment No. 11 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



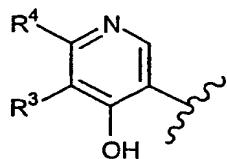
and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

10 Embodiment No. 12 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

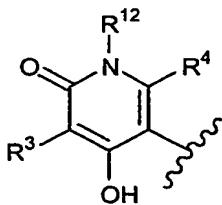
15 Embodiment No. 13 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



and all other substituents are as defined for of formula (I).

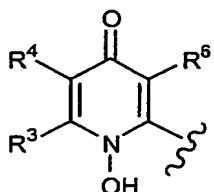
Embodiment No. 14 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:

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and all other substitutents are as defined for of formula (I).

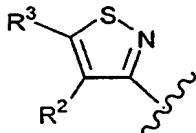
Embodiment No. 15 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



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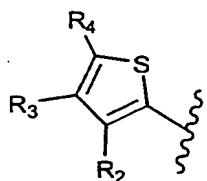
and all other substitutents are as defined for of formula (I).

Embodiment No. 16 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



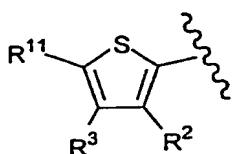
10 and all other substitutents are as defined for of formula (I).

Embodiment No. 17 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



and all other substitutents are as defined for of formula (I).

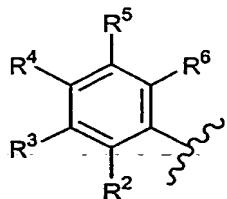
15 Embodiment No. 18 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



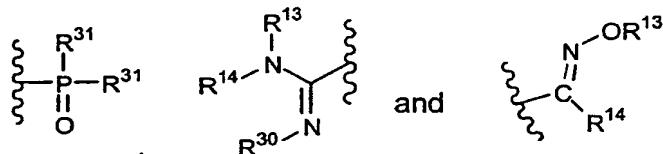
and all other substitutents are as defined for of formula (I).

Embodiment No. 19 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is selected from the group consisting of:

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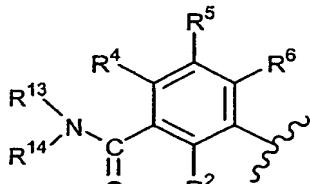


5 and R³ for this B group is selected from the group consisting of: -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴,



and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

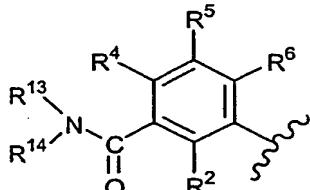
Embodiment No. 20 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



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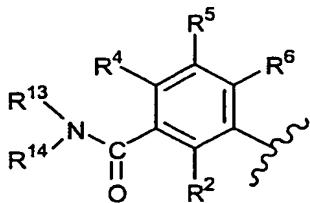
and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 21 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is



15 R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of H and alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 22 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is



wherein:

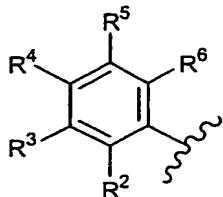
- (1) R^2 is $-OH$ and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I), or
- (2) R^2 is $-OH$, and R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group,

5 consisting of: H and alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), or

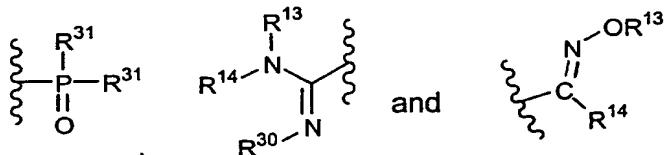
(3) R^2 is $-OH$, and R^{13} and R^{14} are the same or different and alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), for example the same alkyl group, for example methyl, and

- (4) and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

10 Embodiment No. 23 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is

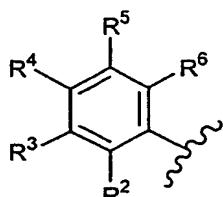


R^3 is selected from the group consisting of:

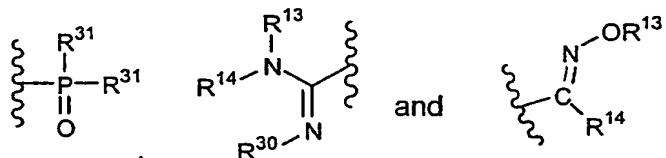


15 and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 24 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is

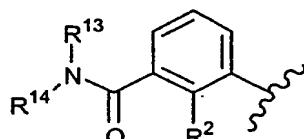


R^3 is selected from the group consisting of:



R² is -OH, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

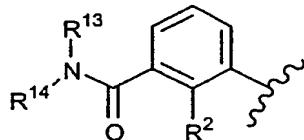
Embodiment No. 25 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



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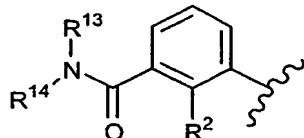
and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I)

Embodiment No. 26 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



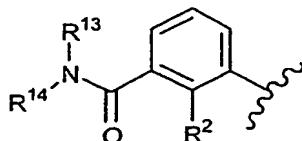
10 R² is -OH, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 27 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



15 R² is as defined for compounds of formula (I), R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of H and alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), and all other substituents areas defined for compounds of formula (I). For example, R¹³ and R¹⁴ are the same or different alkyl group. Also, for example, R¹³ and R¹⁴ are the same alkyl group. Also, for example, R¹³ and R¹⁴ are methyl.

20 Embodiment No. 28 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



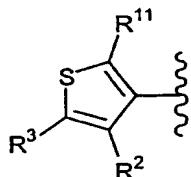
R^2 is $-OH$, R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of H and alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), and all other substituents areas defined for compounds of formula (I). For example, R^{13} and R^{14} are the same or different alkyl group. Also, for example, R^{13} and R^{14} are the same alkyl group. Also, 5 for example, R^{13} and R^{14} are methyl.

Embodiment No. 29 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in Embodiment No. 23, R^4 is H, R^5 is H, R^6 is H, and all other substituents are as defined for compounds of formula (I).

Embodiment No. 30 is directed to the methods of this invention using 10 compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in Embodiment No. 24, R^4 is H, R^5 is H, R^6 is H, and all other substituents areas defined for compounds of formula (I).

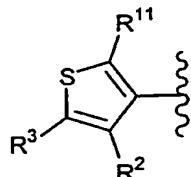
Embodiment No. 31 is directed to the methods of this invention using 15 compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in Embodiments Nos. 21, 22, 25 and 26, except that R^{13} and R^{14} are each methyl, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 32 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



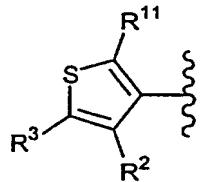
R^{11} is H, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

20 Embodiment No. 33 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



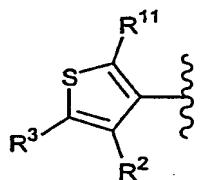
R^2 is $-OH$, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

25 Embodiment No. 34 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



R³ is -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

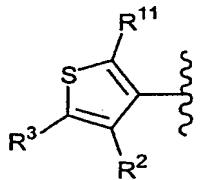
Embodiment No. 35 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



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R³ is -S(O)_tNR¹³R¹⁴ (e.g., t is 2), and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

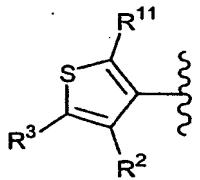
Embodiment No. 36 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



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R² is -OH, R³ is -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

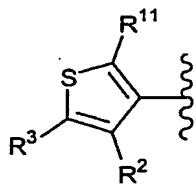
Embodiment No. 37 of this invention is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



15 R² is -OH, and R³ is -S(O)_tNR¹³R¹⁴ (e.g., t is 2), and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

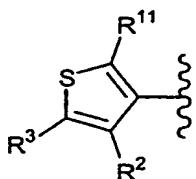
Embodiment No. 38 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:

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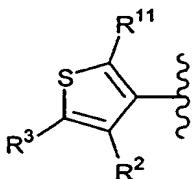
R^2 is $-OH$, R^3 is $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, R^{11} is H, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 39 is directed to the methods of this invention using 5 compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:

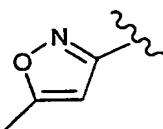


R^2 is $-OH$, R^3 is $-S(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$ (e.g., t is 2), R^{11} is H, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

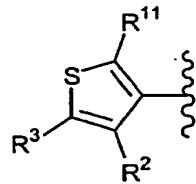
Embodiment No. 40 is directed to the methods of this invention using 10 compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



R^2 is $-OH$, R^3 is $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, R^{11} is H, and R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), unsubstituted heteroaryl and substituted heteroaryl, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I). For example, one of R^{13} or R^{14} is alkyl (e.g., methyl). An 15 example of a substituted heteroaryl group is

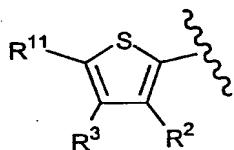


Embodiment No. 41 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



R^2 is $-\text{OH}$, R^3 is $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ (e.g., t is 2), R^{11} is H, and R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H and alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, and t-butyl), and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I). For example R^3 is (1) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$ and (2) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} are the same or different alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t-butyl), e.g., the same alkyl group, such as, for example $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$.

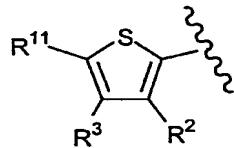
Embodiment No. 42 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



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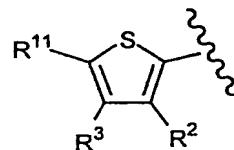
R^{11} is H, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 43 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



15 R^2 is $-\text{OH}$, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

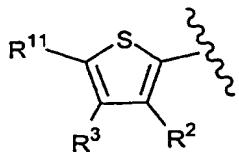
Embodiment No. 44 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



R^3 is $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

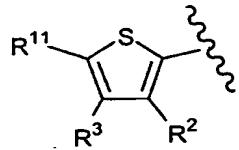
20 Embodiment No. 45 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:

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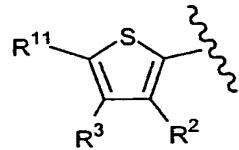
R³ is $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ (e.g., t is 2), and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 46 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



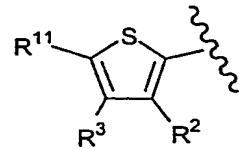
R² is $-\text{OH}$, R³ is $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 47 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



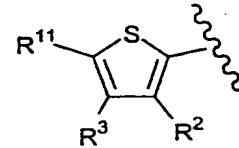
R² is $-\text{OH}$, and R³ is $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ (e.g., t is 2), and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 48 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



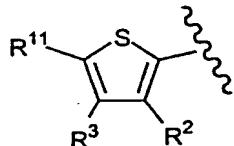
R² is $-\text{OH}$, R³ is $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, R¹¹ is H, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

Embodiment No. 49 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:

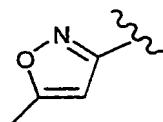


R^2 is $-OH$, R^3 is $-S(O)_tNR^{13}R^{14}$ (e.g., t is 2), R^{11} is H , and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I).

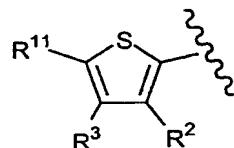
Embodiment No. 50 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



R^2 is $-OH$, R^3 is $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, R^{11} is H , and R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, unsubstituted heteroaryl and substituted heteroaryl, and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I). For example, one of R^{13} or R^{14} is alkyl (e.g., methyl). An example of a substituted heteroaryl group is

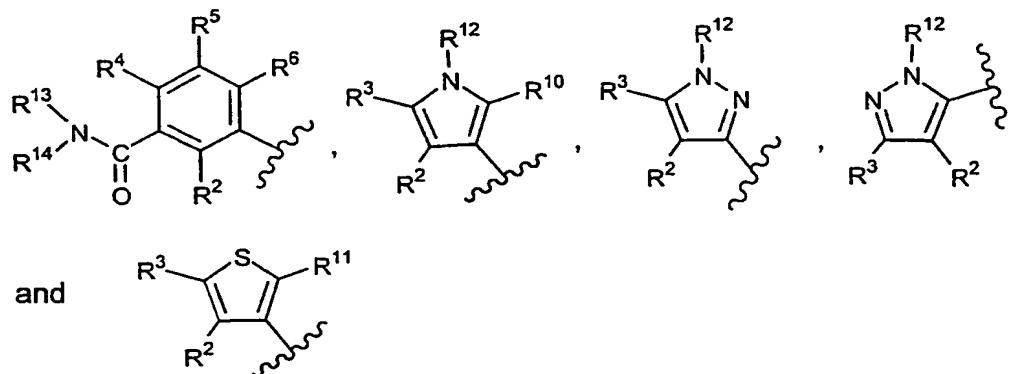


Embodiment No. 51 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is:



15 R^2 is $-OH$, R^3 is $-S(O)_tNR^{13}R^{14}$ (e.g., t is 2), R^{11} is H , R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of: H and alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, and t -butyl), and all other substituents are as defined in formula (I). For example R^3 is (1) $-SO_2NH_2$ and (2) $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} are the same or different alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and t -butyl), e.g., the same alkyl group, such as, for example $-SO_2N(CH_3)_2$.

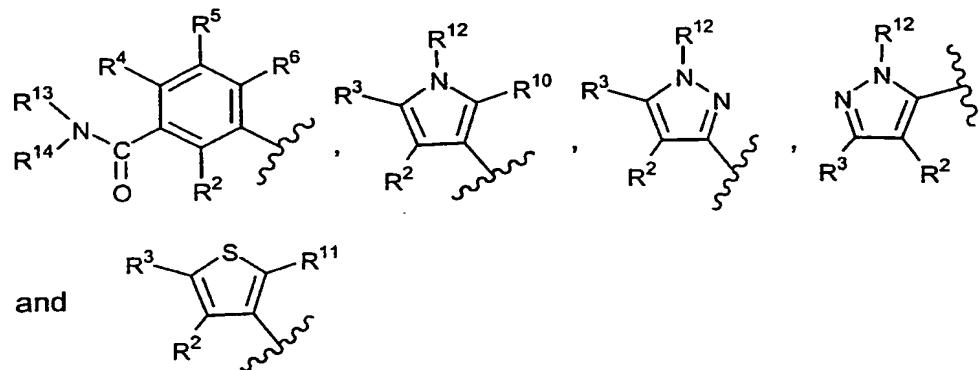
20 Embodiment No. 52 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein R² to R⁶ and R¹⁰ to R¹⁴ are as defined above for the compounds of formula (I).

Embodiment No. 53 is directed to the methods of this invention using

5 compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



10 wherein

R² is selected from the group consisting of: H, OH, -NHC(O)R¹³ or and -NHSO₂R¹³;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of: -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, -NO₂, cyano, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO₂R¹³; and -C(O)OR¹³;

15 R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of: H, -NO₂, cyano, -CH₃, halogen, and -CF₃;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: H, -CF₃, -NO₂, halogen and cyano;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and -CF₃;

each R¹⁰ and R¹¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of: R¹³, 20 hydrogen, halogen, -CF₃, -NR¹³R¹⁴, -NR¹³C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)OR¹³, -SH,

$-\text{SO}_{(1)}\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{13}$, $-\text{NHC(O)R}^{13}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{13}$, $-\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
 $-\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{OR}^{14}$, $-\text{OC(O)R}^{13}$, $-\text{COR}^{13}$, $-\text{OR}^{13}$, and cyano;

each R^{13} and R^{14} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; or

5 R^{13} and R^{14} when taken together with the nitrogen they are attached to in the groups $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{OC(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{CONR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
 $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ form an unsubstituted or substituted saturated heterocyclic ring (preferably a 3 to 7 membered ring) optionally having one additional heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: O, S or NR^{18} ;

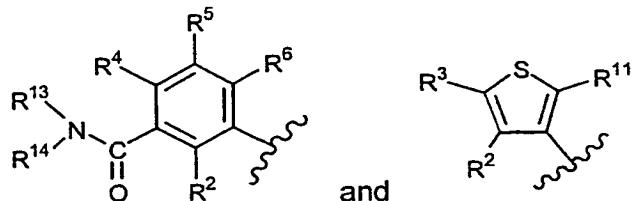
10 wherein R^{18} is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-\text{C(O)R}^{19}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{19}$ and $-\text{C(O)NR}^{19}\text{R}^{20}$; wherein each R^{19} and R^{20} is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl; wherein there are 1 to 3 substituents on the substituted cyclized R^{13} and R^{14} groups (i.e., the substituents on the ring formed when R^{13} and R^{14} are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are bound) and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, amino, $-\text{C(O)OR}^{15}$, $-\text{C(O)NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, $-\text{C(O)R}^{15}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{15}$ provided that R^{15} is not H, $-\text{NHC(O)NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ and halogen; and wherein each R^{15} and R^{16} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl.

15 Embodiment No. 54 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:

20 R^{13} and R^{14} when taken together with the nitrogen they are attached to in the groups $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{OC(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{CONR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
 $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ form an unsubstituted or substituted saturated heterocyclic ring (preferably a 3 to 7 membered ring) optionally having one additional heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: O, S or NR^{18} ;

25 wherein R^{18} is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-\text{C(O)R}^{19}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{19}$ and $-\text{C(O)NR}^{19}\text{R}^{20}$; wherein each R^{19} and R^{20} is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl; wherein there are 1 to 3 substituents on the substituted cyclized R^{13} and R^{14} groups (i.e., the substituents on the ring formed when R^{13} and R^{14} are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are bound) and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, amino, $-\text{C(O)OR}^{15}$, $-\text{C(O)NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, $-\text{C(O)R}^{15}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{15}$ provided that R^{15} is not H, $-\text{NHC(O)NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ and halogen; and wherein each R^{15} and R^{16} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl.

Embodiment No. 54 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



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wherein:

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of: H, OH, $-\text{NHC(O)R}^{13}$ and $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{13}$;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of: $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NO_2$, cyano, $-SO_2R^{13}$; and $-C(O)OR^{13}$;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-NO_2$, cyano, $-CH_3$ or $-CF_3$;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, halogen and cyano;

5 and

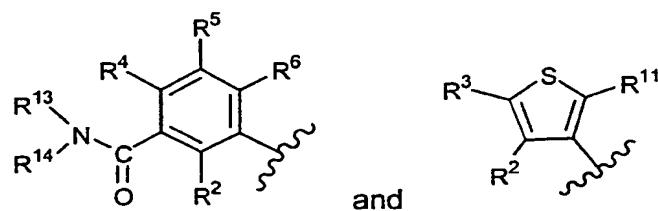
R^6 is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and $-CF_3$;

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen and alkyl; and

each R^{13} and R^{14} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; or

10 R^{13} and R^{14} when taken together with the nitrogen they are attached to in the groups $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OC(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NHSO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ form an unsubstituted or substituted saturated heterocyclic ring (preferably a 3 to 7 membered ring) optionally having one additional heteroatom selected from O, S or NR¹⁸ wherein R¹⁸ is selected 15 from H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C(O)R^{19}$, $-SO_2R^{19}$ and $-C(O)NR^{19}R^{20}$, wherein each R¹⁹ and R²⁰ is independently selected from alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein there are 1 to 3 substituents on the substituted cyclized R^{13} and R^{14} groups (i.e., on the ring formed when R^{13} and R^{14} are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are bound) and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: 20 alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, amino, $-C(O)OR^{15}$, $-C(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-C(O)R^{15}$, $-SO_2R^{15}$ provided that R¹⁵ is not H, $-NHC(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$ and halogen; and wherein each R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ is independently selected from the group 25 consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl.

Embodiment No. 55 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein:

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of: H, OH, $-NHC(O)R^{13}$ and $-NHSO_2R^{13}$;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of: $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$ $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NO_2$, cyano, and $-SO_2R^{13}$,

5 R^4 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-NO_2$, cyano, $-CH_3$ or $-CF_3$;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, halogen and cyano;

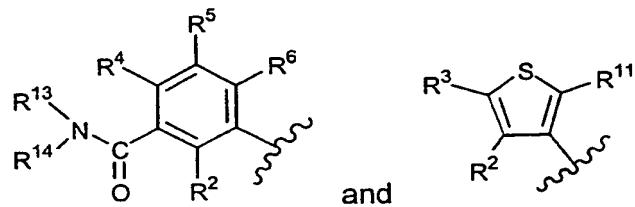
and

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and $-CF_3$;

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen and alkyl; and

10 each R^{13} and R^{14} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, methyl and ethyl.

Embodiment No. 56 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



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wherein:

R^2 is $-OH$;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of: $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ and $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CH_3$ and $-CF_3$;

20 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of: H and cyano;

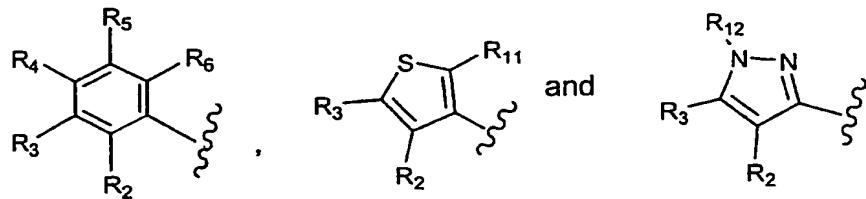
R^6 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CH_3$ and $-CF_3$;

R^{11} is H; and

R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of H and methyl (e.g., for $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ both R^{13} and R^{14} are H, or both R^{13} and R^{14} are methyl, also, for example, for $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$ both R^{13} and R^{14} are methyl).

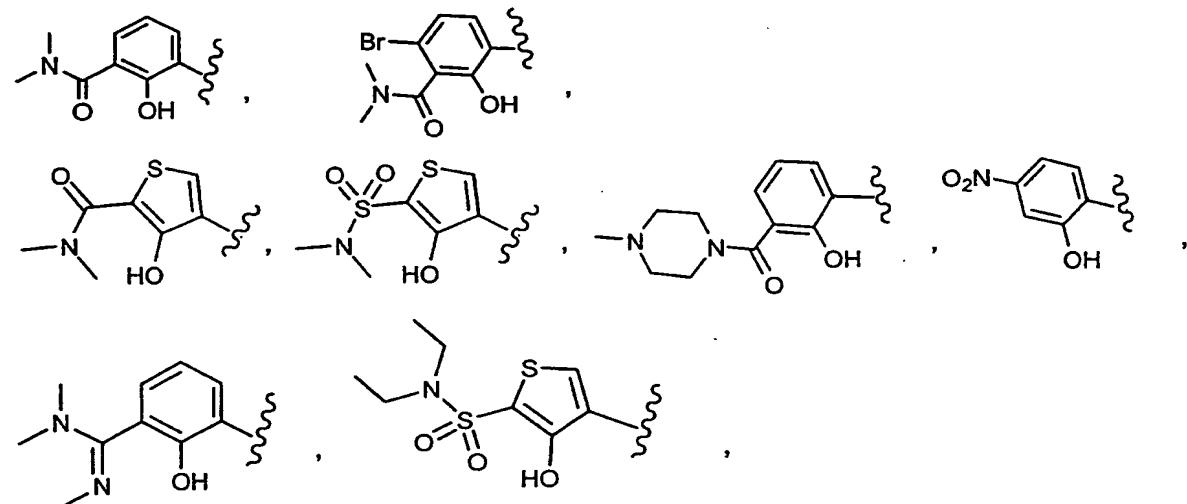
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Embodiment No. 57 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein all substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 58 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:

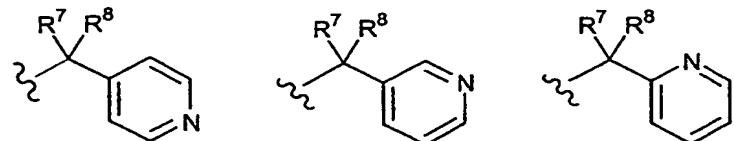


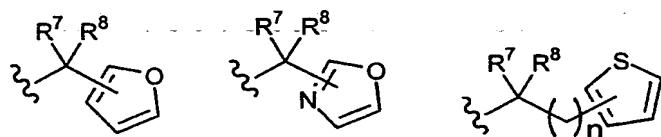
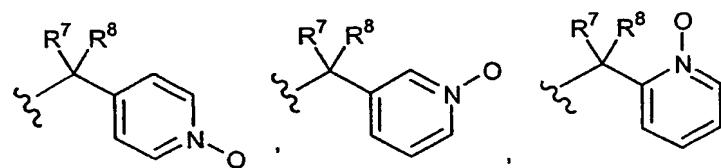
Embodiment No. 59 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



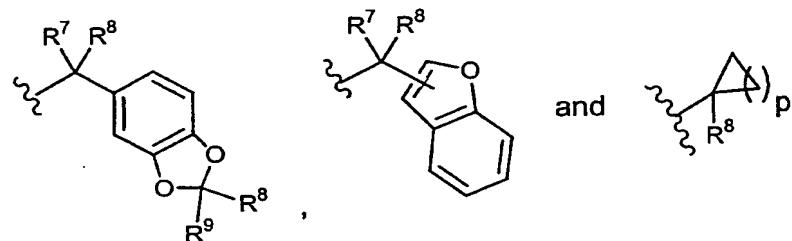
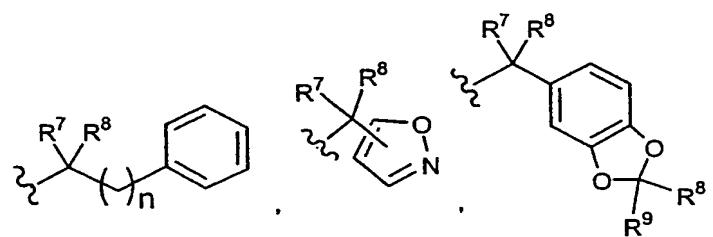
Embodiment No. 60 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

(a)



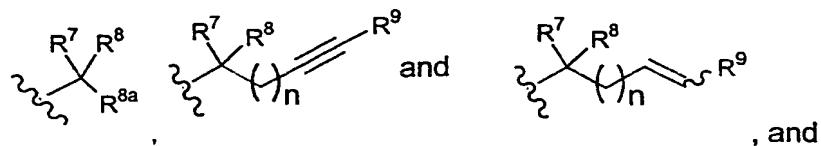


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10 wherein the above rings are unsubstituted or substituted, as described for formula (I);
and

(b)



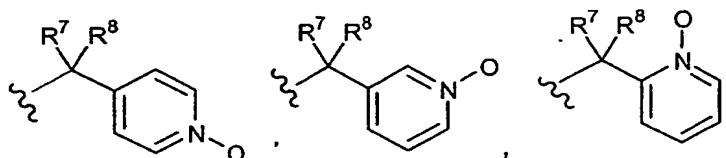
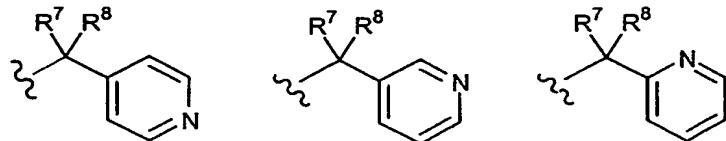
15 wherein in (a) and (b): each R⁷ and R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted arylalkyl,

unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkylalkyl, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{13}$, $-\text{CONR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, fluoroalkyl, alkynyl, alkenyl, and cycloalkenyl, wherein said substituents on said R^7 and R^8 substituted groups are selected from the group consisting of: a) cyano, b) $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{13}$, c) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, d) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, e) $-\text{NO}_2$, f) $-\text{CF}_3$, g) $-\text{OR}^{13}$, h) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, i) $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^{13}$, j) $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, and k) halogen; and R^{8a} and R^9 are as defined in formula (I).

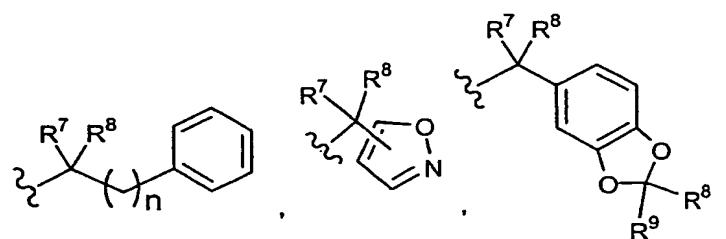
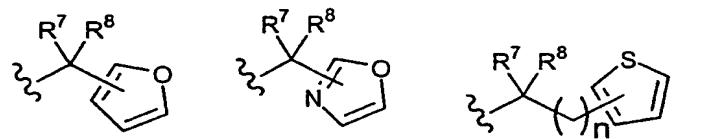
5 Embodiment No. 61 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

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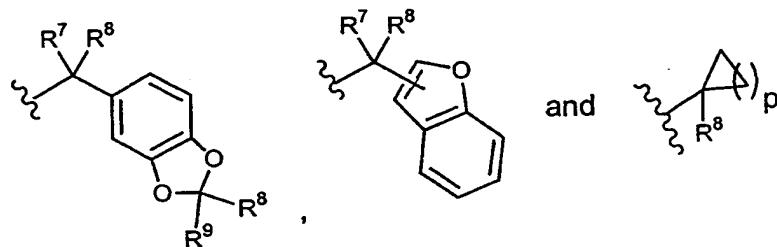
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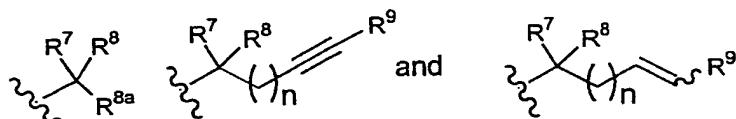
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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, $-CF_3$, cyano, $-OCH_3$, and $-NO_2$; each R^7 and R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, $-CF_3$ and $-CF_2CH_3$), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl); and R^9 is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, $-CF_3$, cyano, $-OCH_3$, and $-NO_2$; and

5 from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, $-CF_3$ and $-CF_2CH_3$), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl); and R^9 is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, $-CF_3$, cyano, $-OCH_3$, and $-NO_2$; and

(b)



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wherein each R^7 and R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, $-CF_3$ and $-CF_2CH_3$), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl); wherein R^{8a} is as defined in formula (I), and wherein R^9 is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, $-CF_3$, cyano, $-OCH_3$, and $-NO_2$; each R^7 and R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, $-CF_3$ and $-CF_2CH_3$), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl).

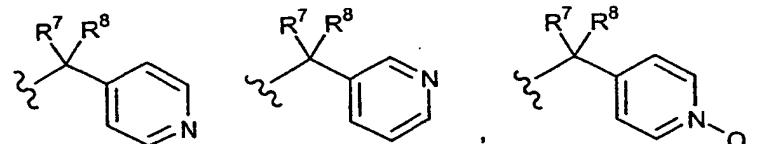
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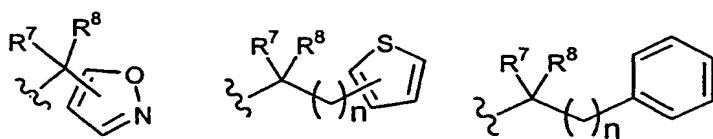
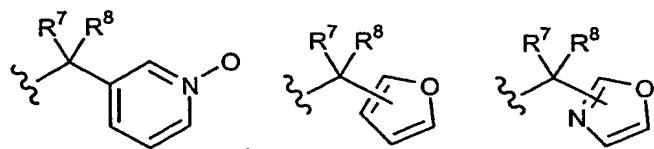
selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, $-CF_3$, cyano, $-OCH_3$, and $-NO_2$; each R^7 and R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, $-CF_3$ and $-CF_2CH_3$), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl).

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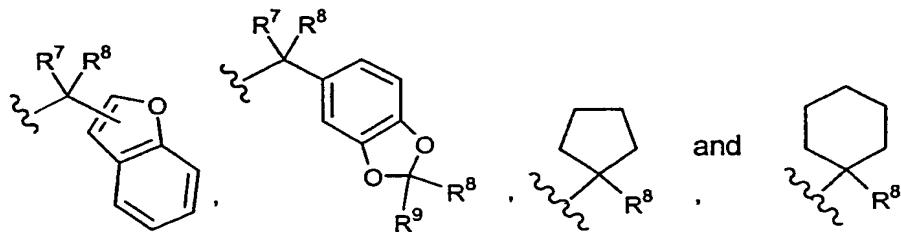
Embodiment No. 62 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

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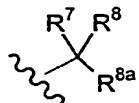


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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: H, F, Cl, Br, alkyl, cycloalkyl, and $-CF_3$; R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, fluoroalkyl, alkyl and cycloalkyl; R^8 is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, $-CF_2CH_3$ and $-CF_3$; and R^9 is selected from the group consisting of: H, F, Cl, Br, alkyl or $-CF_3$; and

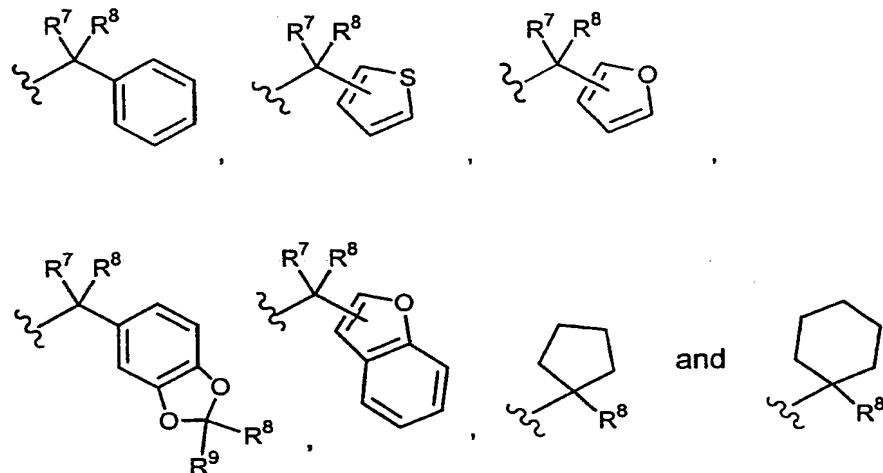
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wherein R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, fluoroalkyl, alkyl and cycloalkyl; R^8 is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, $-CF_2CH_3$ and $-CF_3$; and R^{8a} is as defined for formula (I).

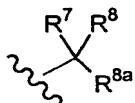
Embodiment No. 63 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

(a)



5 wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: H, F, Cl, Br, alkyl, cycloalkyl, and -CF₃; R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: H, -CF₃, -CF₂CH₃, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R⁸ is H; and

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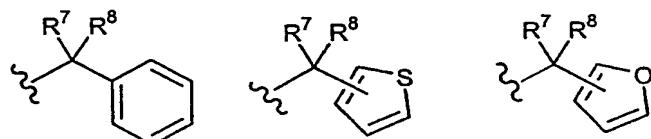


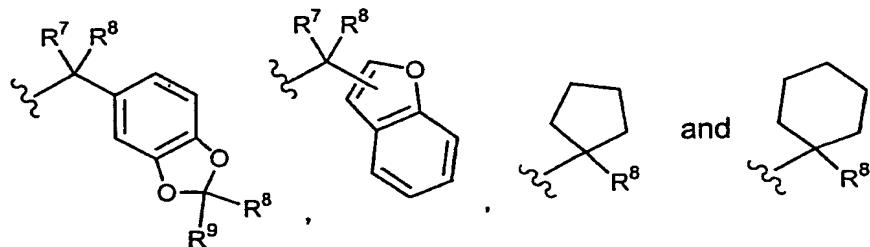
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wherein R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: H, -CF₃, -CF₂CH₃, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R⁸ is H; and R^{8a} is as defined for formula (I).

15 Embodiment No. 64 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

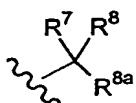
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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: F, Cl, Br, alkyl, cycloalkyl, and $-CF_3$; R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-CF_2CH_3$, 5 methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R^8 is H; and

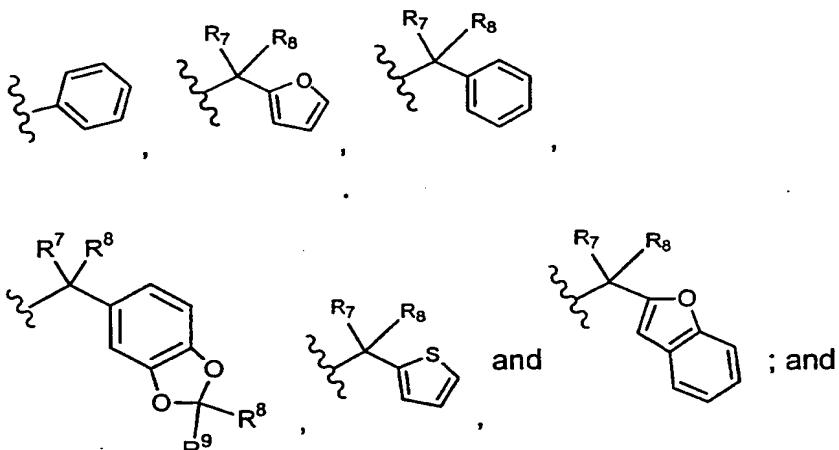
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wherein R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-CF_2CH_3$, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R^8 is H; and R^{8a} is as defined for formula IA;

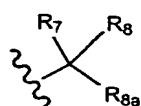
10 Embodiment No. 65 is directed compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

(1) unsubstituted or substituted:



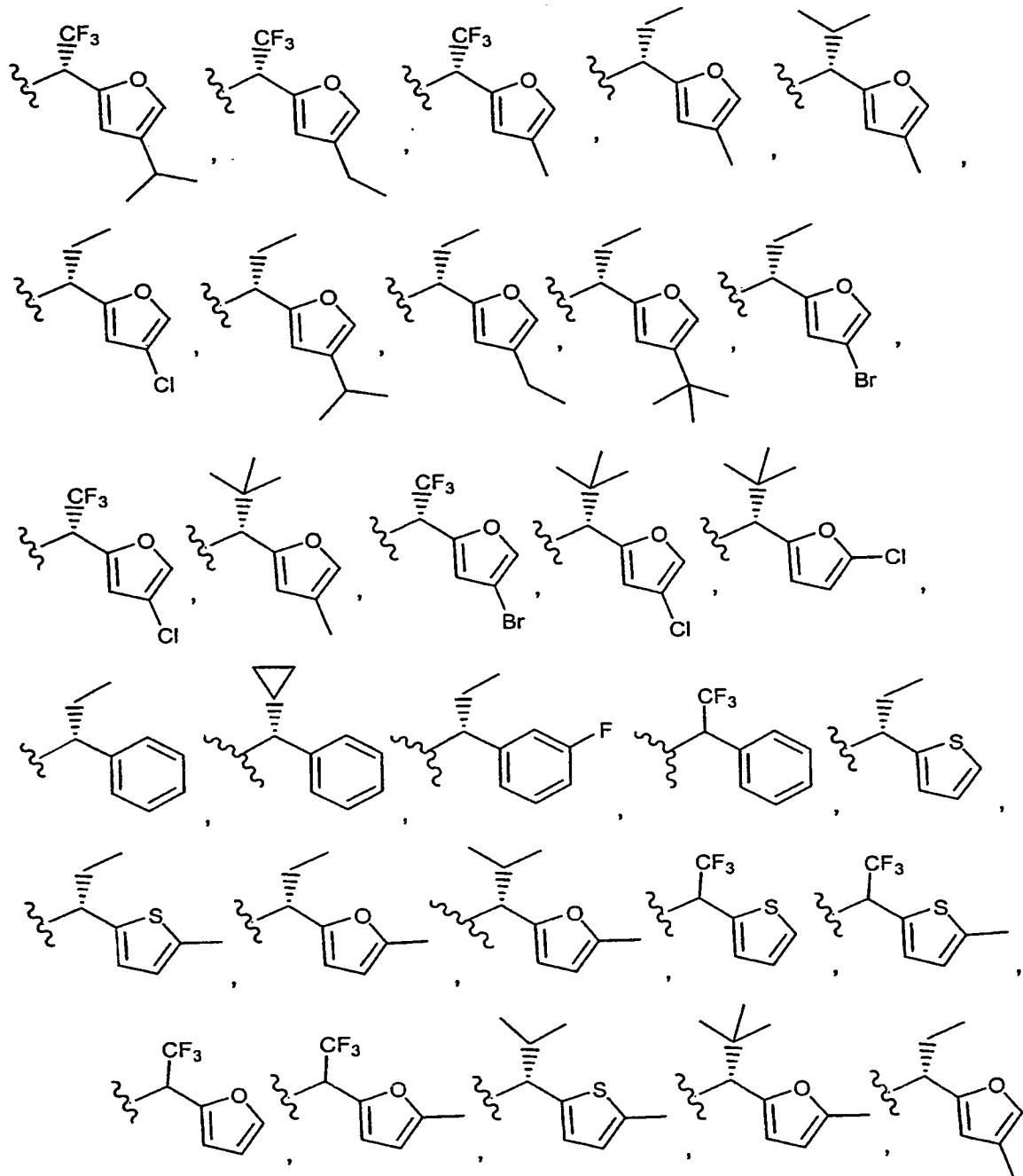
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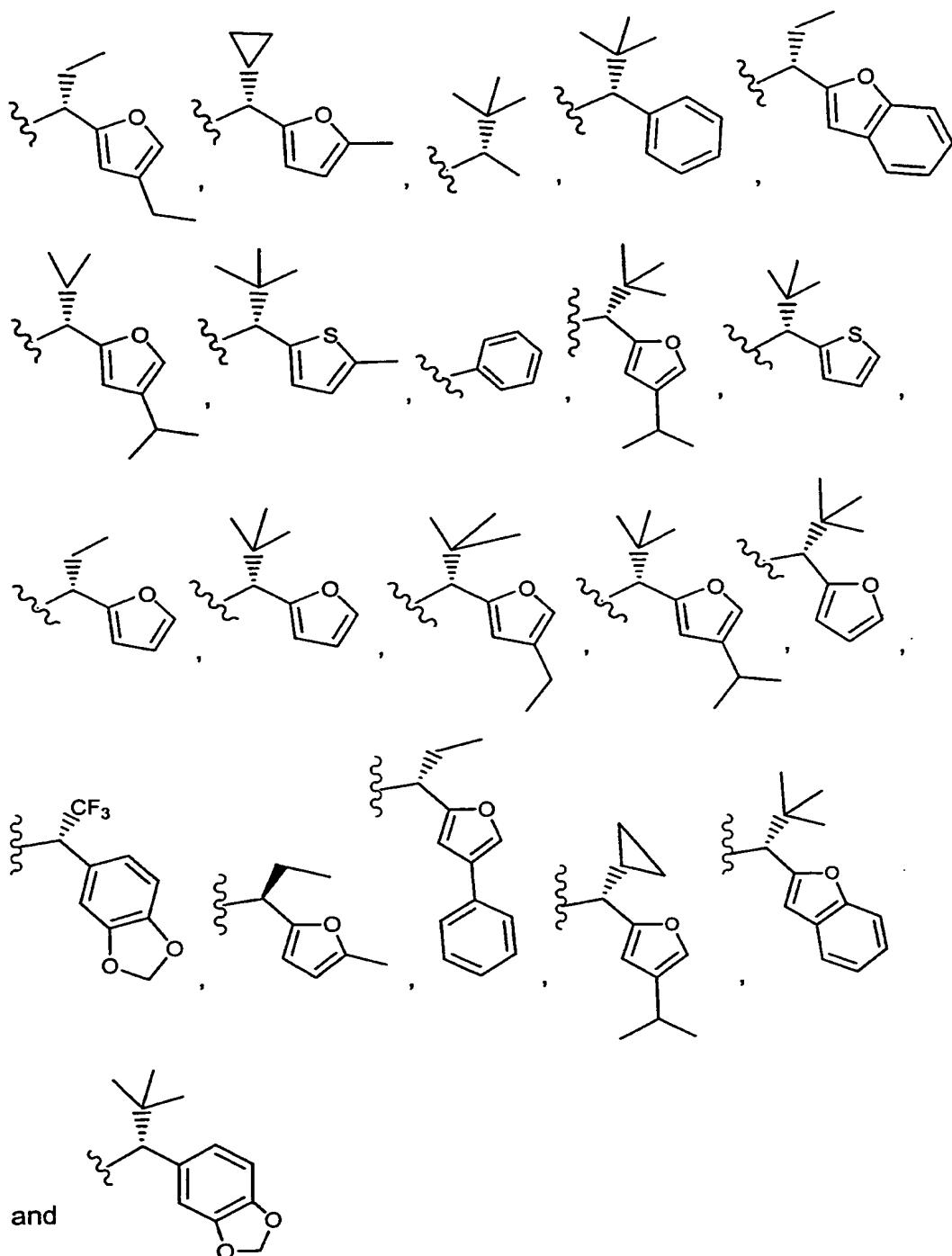
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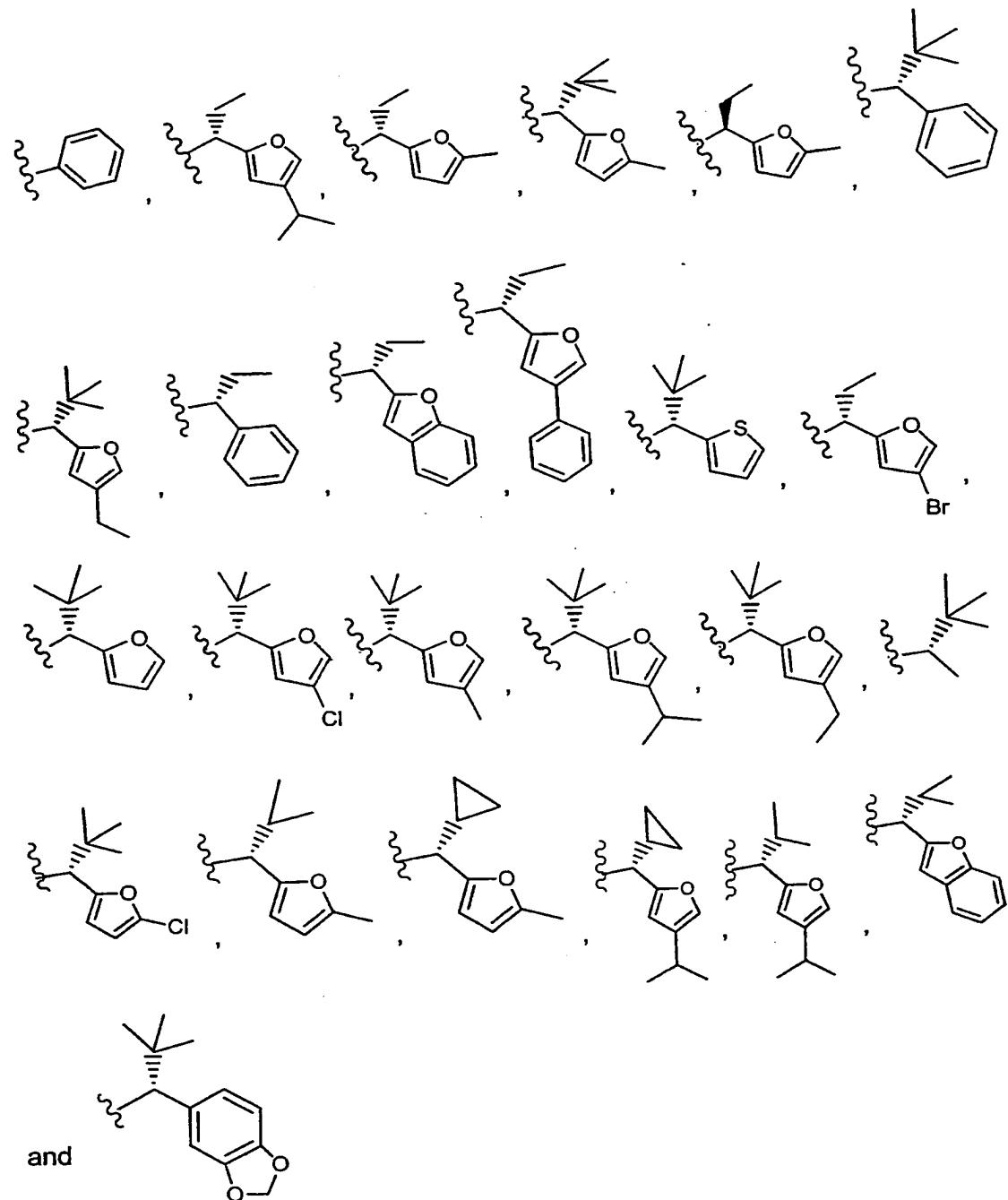
wherein all substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 66 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

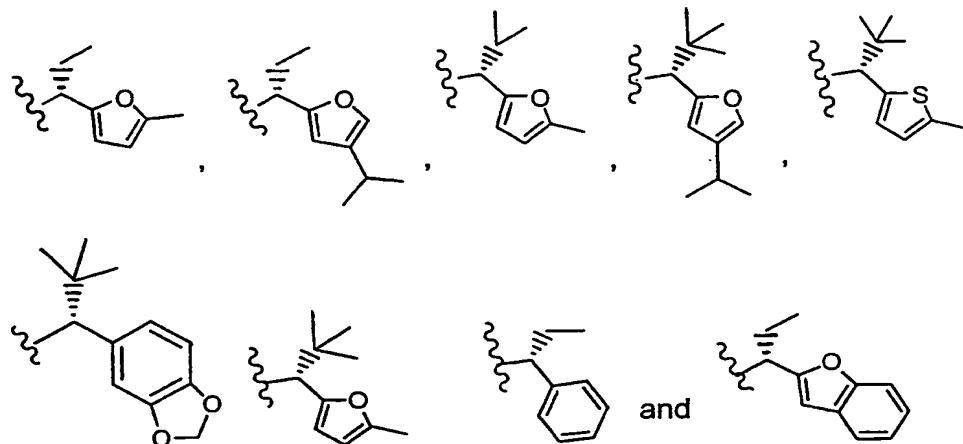




Embodiment No. 67 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

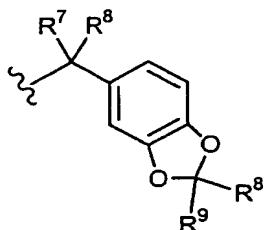


Embodiment No. 68 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:



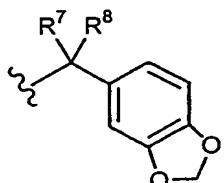
5 Embodiment No. 69 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is as defined in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 60 to 68.

Embodiment No. 70 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is:



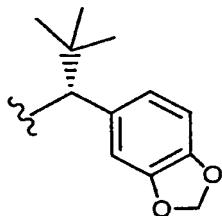
10 and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 71 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is:



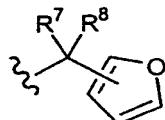
15 wherein R7 is H, and R8 is alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl), and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 72 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is:



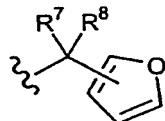
5 and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 73 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is:



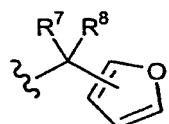
10 wherein the furan ring is unsubstituted or substituted as described in the definition of A for formula (I), and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 74 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is



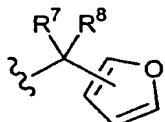
15 wherein the furan ring is substituted and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 75 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is



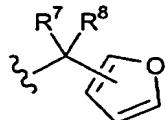
wherein the furan ring is substituted with at least one (e.g., 1 to 3, or 1 to 2) alkyl group and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 76 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, A is



5 wherein the furan ring is substituted with one alkyl group and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

Embodiment No. 77 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is



10 wherein the furan ring is substituted with one C₁ to C₃ alkyl group (e.g., methyl or isopropyl), and all other substituents are as defined for formula (I).

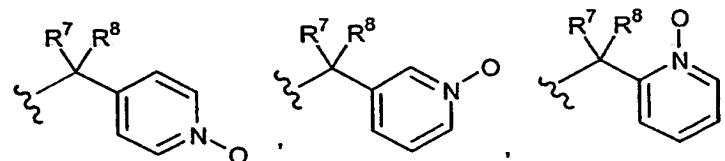
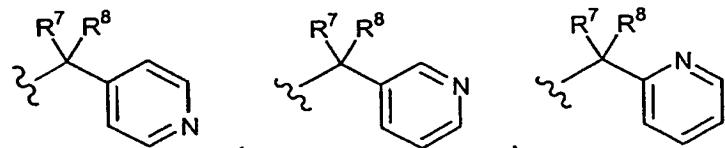
Embodiment No. 78 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is as defined in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 73 to 77, except that R⁷ and R⁸ are the same or different and each is selected from the group consisting of: H and alkyl.

Embodiment No. 79 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein B is as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 59, and A is as defined in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 73 to 77, except that R⁷ is H, and R⁸ is alkyl (e.g., ethyl or t-butyl).

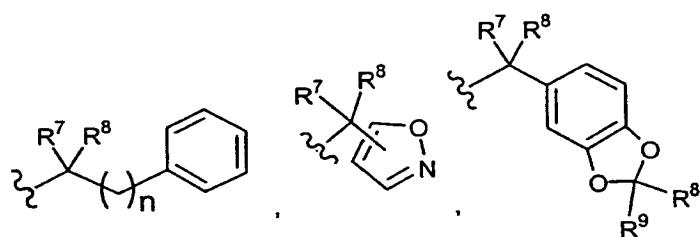
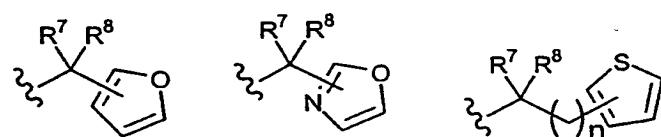
Embodiment No. 80 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein:

(1) substituent A in formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of:

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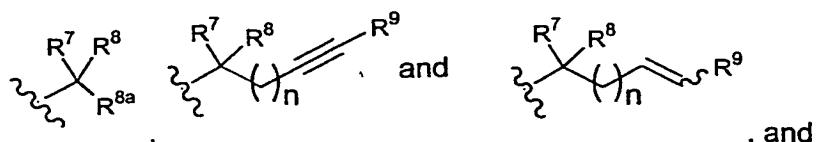
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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted or substituted, as described for formula (I);
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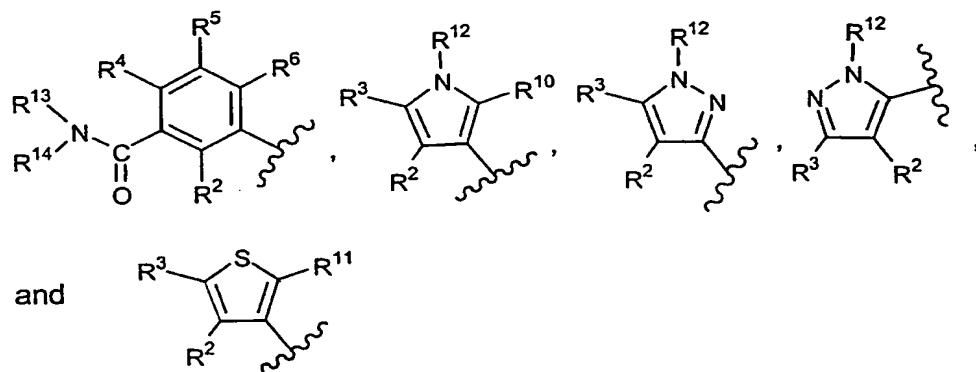
(b)



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wherein in (a) and (b) above: each R⁷ and R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, 5 unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkylalkyl, -CO₂R¹³, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, fluoroalkyl, alkynyl, alkenyl, and cycloalkenyl, wherein said substituents on said R⁷ and R⁸ substituted groups are selected from the group consisting of: a) cyano, b) -CO₂R¹³, c) -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, d) -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, e) -NO₂, f) -CF₃, g) -OR¹³, h) -NR¹³R¹⁴, i) -OC(O)R¹³, j) -OC(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, and k) halogen; and R^{8a} and R⁹ are as defined in 10 formula (I); and

(2) substituent B in formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of:



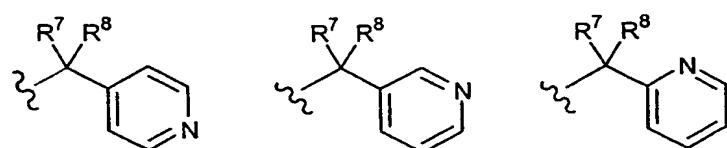
15 wherein R² to R⁶ and R¹⁰ to R¹⁴ are as defined above for the compounds of formula (I).

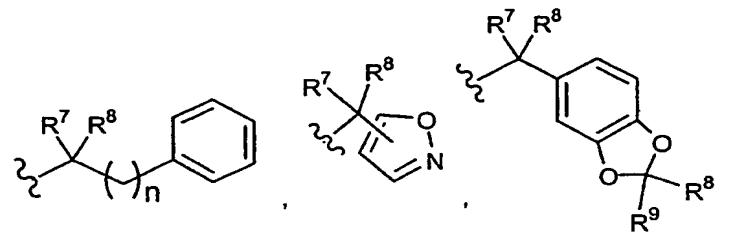
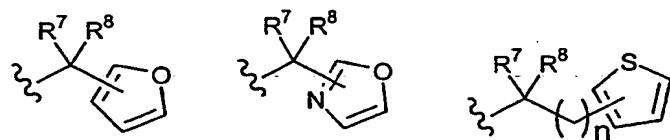
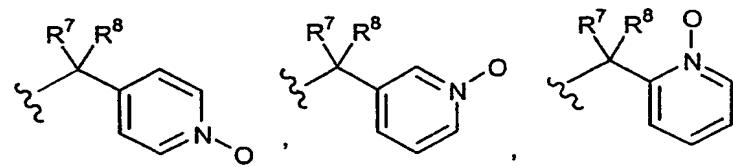
Embodiment No. 81 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein:

(1) substituent A in formula (I) is selected from the group consisting

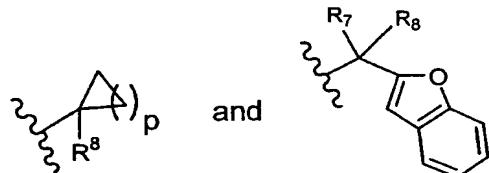
of:

(a)





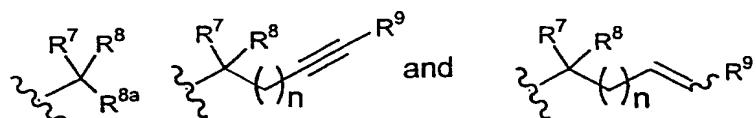
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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halogen, alkyl, 10 cycloalkyl, $-CF_3$, cyano, $-OCH_3$, and $-NO_2$; each R^7 and R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, $-CF_3$ and $-CF_2CH_3$), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl); and R^9 is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, $-CF_3$, cyano, $-OCH_3$, and $-NO_2$; and

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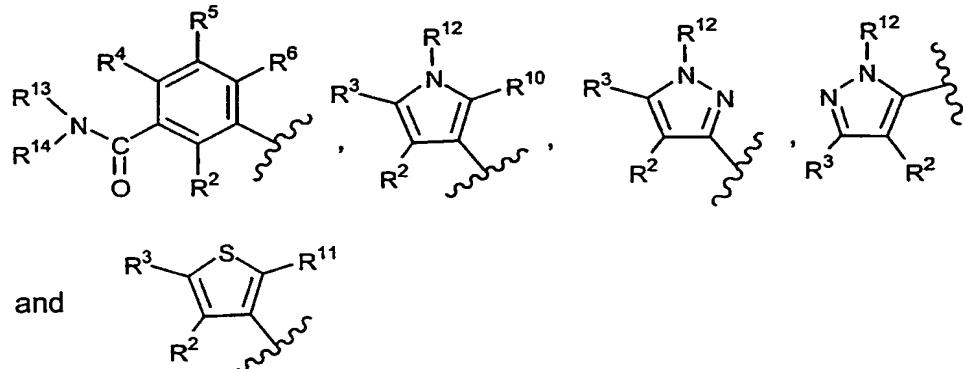
(b)



wherein each R^7 and R^8 is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, $-CF_3$ and

-CF₂CH₃), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., -CF₂CH₂CH₃), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl); wherein R^{8a} is as defined in formula (I), and wherein R⁹ is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, -CF₃, cyano, -OCH₃, and -NO₂; each R⁷ and R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl (e.g., methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, and isopropyl), fluoroalkyl (such as, -CF₃ and -CF₂CH₃), cycloalkyl (e.g., cyclopropyl, and cyclohexyl), and cycloalkylalkyl (e.g., cyclopropylmethyl); and

5 (2) substituent B in formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of:



10 wherein

R² is selected from the group consisting of: H, OH, -NHC(O)R¹³ or and -NHSO₂R¹³;

15 R³ is selected from the group consisting of: -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, -NO₂, cyano, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO₂R¹³; and -C(O)OR¹³;

R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of: H, -NO₂, cyano, -CH₃, halogen, and -CF₃;

20 R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: H, -CF₃, -NO₂, halogen and cyano;

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and -CF₃;

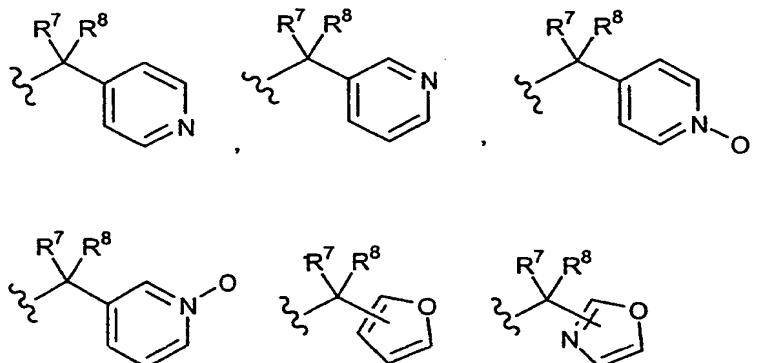
25 each R¹⁰ and R¹¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of: R¹³, hydrogen, halogen, -CF₃, -NR¹³R¹⁴, -NR¹³C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)OR¹³, -SH, -SO_(t)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO₂R¹³, -NHC(O)R¹³, -NHSO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, -NHSO₂R¹³, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)NR¹³OR¹⁴, -OC(O)R¹³, -COR¹³, -OR¹³, and cyano;

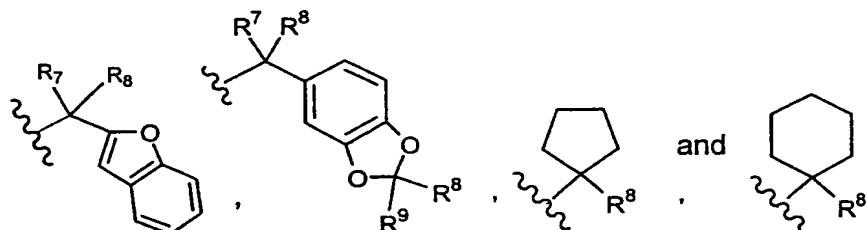
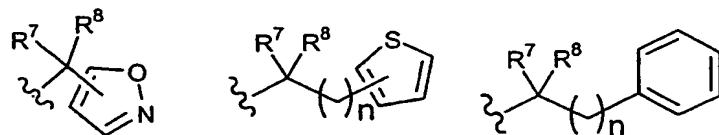
each R¹³ and R¹⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; or

R^{13} and R^{14} when taken together with the nitrogen they are attached to in the groups $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OC(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NHSO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ form an unsubstituted or substituted saturated heterocyclic ring (preferably a 3 to 7 membered ring) optionally having one additional heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: O, S or NR^{18} , wherein R^{18} is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C(O)R^{19}$, $-SO_2R^{19}$ and $-C(O)NR^{19}R^{20}$; wherein each R^{19} and R^{20} is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl; wherein there are 1 to 3 substituents on the substituted cyclized R^{13} and R^{14} groups (i.e., the substituents on the ring formed when R^{13} and R^{14} are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are bound) and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, amino, $-C(O)OR^{15}$, $-C(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-C(O)R^{15}$, $-SO_2R^{15}$ provided that R^{15} is not H, $-NHC(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$ and halogen; and wherein each R^{15} and R^{16} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl.

Embodiment No. 82 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is even more preferably selected from the group consisting of:

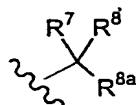
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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: H, F, Cl, Br, alkyl, cycloalkyl, and $-CF_3$; R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, fluoroalkyl, alkyl and cycloalkyl; R^8 is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, $-CF_2CH_3$ and $-CF_3$; and R^9 is selected from the group consisting of: H, F, Cl, Br, alkyl or $-CF_3$; and

(b)



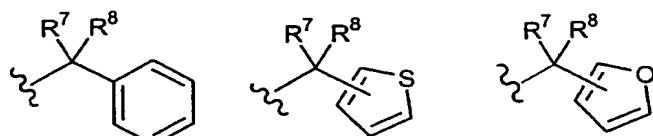
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wherein R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, fluoroalkyl, alkyl and cycloalkyl; R^8 is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, $-CF_2CH_3$ and $-CF_3$; and R^{8a} is as defined for formula (I).

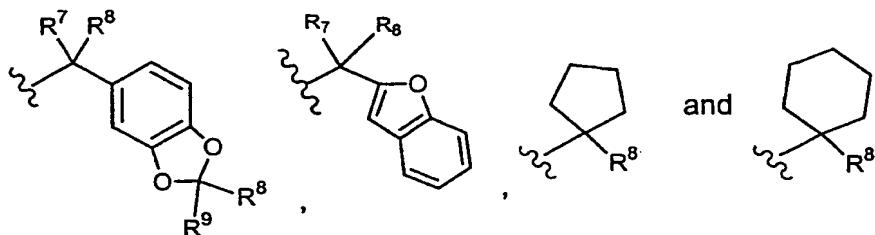
15 Embodiment No. 83 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein:

(1) substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

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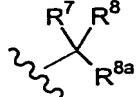
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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: H, F, Cl, Br, alkyl, cycloalkyl, and $-CF_3$; R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-CF_2CH_3$, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R⁸ is H; and

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(b)

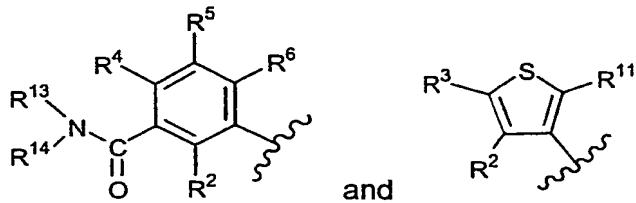


wherein R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-CF_2CH_3$, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R⁸ is H; and R^{8a} is as defined for formula (I);

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and

(2) substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein:

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R² is selected from the group consisting of: H, OH, $-NHC(O)R^{13}$ and $-NHSO_2R^{13}$;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of: $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NO_2$, cyano, $-SO_2R^{13}$; and $-C(O)OR^{13}$;

R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-NO_2$, cyano, $-CH_3$ or $-CF_3$;

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R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, halogen and cyano;

and

R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and $-CF_3$;

R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen and alkyl; and

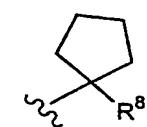
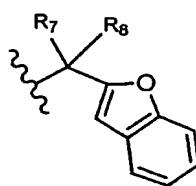
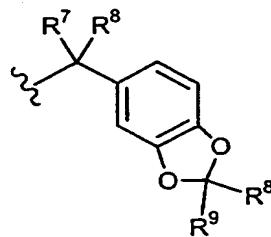
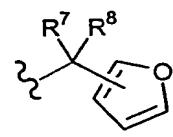
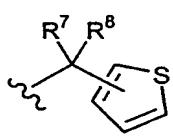
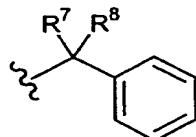
each R^{13} and R^{14} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, methyl, ethyl and isopropyl; or

R^{13} and R^{14} when taken together with the nitrogen they are attached to in the groups $-NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-OC(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-CONR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NR^{13}C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NHSO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ form an unsubstituted or substituted saturated heterocyclic ring (preferably a 3 to 7 membered ring) optionally having one additional heteroatom selected from O, S or NR¹⁸ wherein R¹⁸ is selected from H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C(O)R^{19}$, $-SO_2R^{19}$ and $-C(O)NR^{19}R^{20}$, wherein each R¹⁹ and R²⁰ is independently selected from alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein there are 1 to 3 substituents on the substituted cyclized R^{13} and R^{14} groups (i.e., on the ring formed when R^{13} and R^{14} are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are bound) and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, amino, $-C(O)OR^{15}$, $-C(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$, $-C(O)R^{15}$, $-SO_2R^{15}$ provided that R¹⁵ is not H, $-NHC(O)NR^{15}R^{16}$ and halogen; and wherein each R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl.

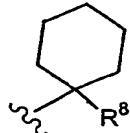
Embodiment No. 84 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein:

(1) substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:

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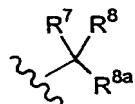
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wherein the above rings are unsubstituted, or the above rings are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: F, Cl, Br, alkyl,

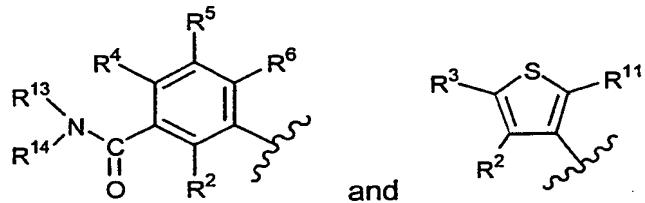
cycloalkyl, and $-CF_3$; R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-CF_2CH_3$, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R^8 is H; and

(b)



5 wherein R^7 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-CF_2CH_3$, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl and t-butyl; and R^8 is H; and R^{8a} is as defined for formula (I);

(2) substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein:

10 R^2 is selected from the group consisting of: H, OH, $-NHC(O)R^{13}$ and $-NHSO_2R^{13}$;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of: $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$, $-NO_2$, cyano, and $-SO_2R^{13}$;

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-NO_2$, cyano, $-CH_3$ or $-CF_3$;

15 R^5 is selected from the group consisting of: H, $-CF_3$, $-NO_2$, halogen and cyano; and

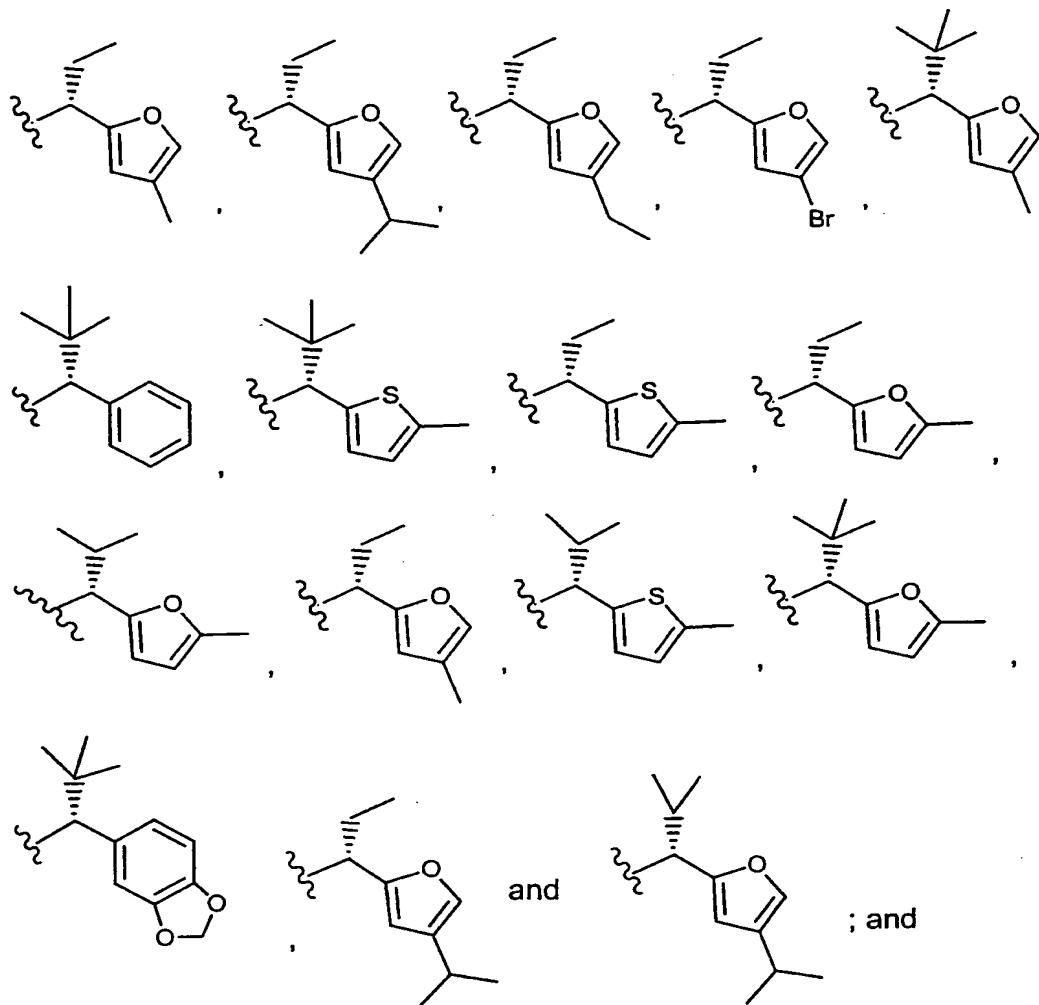
R^6 is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and $-CF_3$;

R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of: H, halogen and alkyl; and

20 each R^{13} and R^{14} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, methyl and ethyl.

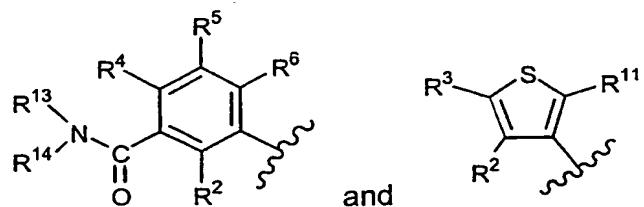
Embodiment No. 85 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein:

(1) substituent A is selected from the group consisting of:



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(2) substituent B is selected from the group consisting of:



wherein:

R² is -OH;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of: -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ and -CONR¹³R¹⁴;

R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of: H, -CH₃ and -CF₃;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of: H and cyano;

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R^6 is selected from the group consisting of: H, -CH₃ and -CF₃;

R^{11} is H; and

R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of H and methyl (e.g., for -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ both R^{13} and R^{14} are H, or both R^{13} and R^{14} are methyl, 5 also, for example, for -CONR¹³R¹⁴ both R^{13} and R^{14} are methyl).

Embodiment No. 86 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 65 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 57.

10 Embodiment No. 87 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 65 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 58.

Embodiment No. 88 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 65 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 59.

15 Embodiment No. 89 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 66 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 57.

Embodiment No. 90 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 66 20 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 58.

Embodiment No. 91 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 66 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 59.

25 Embodiment No. 92 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 67 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 57.

Embodiment No. 93 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 67 30 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 58.

Embodiment No. 94 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 67 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 59.

Embodiment No. 95 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 68 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 57.

5 Embodiment No. 96 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 68 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 58.

Embodiment No. 97 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) wherein substituent A is as defined in Embodiment No. 68 and substituent B is as defined in Embodiment No. 59.

10 Embodiment No. 98 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) as defined in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 97 wherein the compound of formula (I) is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

15 Embodiment No. 99 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) as defined in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 97 wherein the compound of formula (I) is a sodium salt.

Embodiment No. 100 is directed to the methods of this invention using compounds of formula (I) as defined in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 97 wherein the compound of formula (I) is a calcium salt.

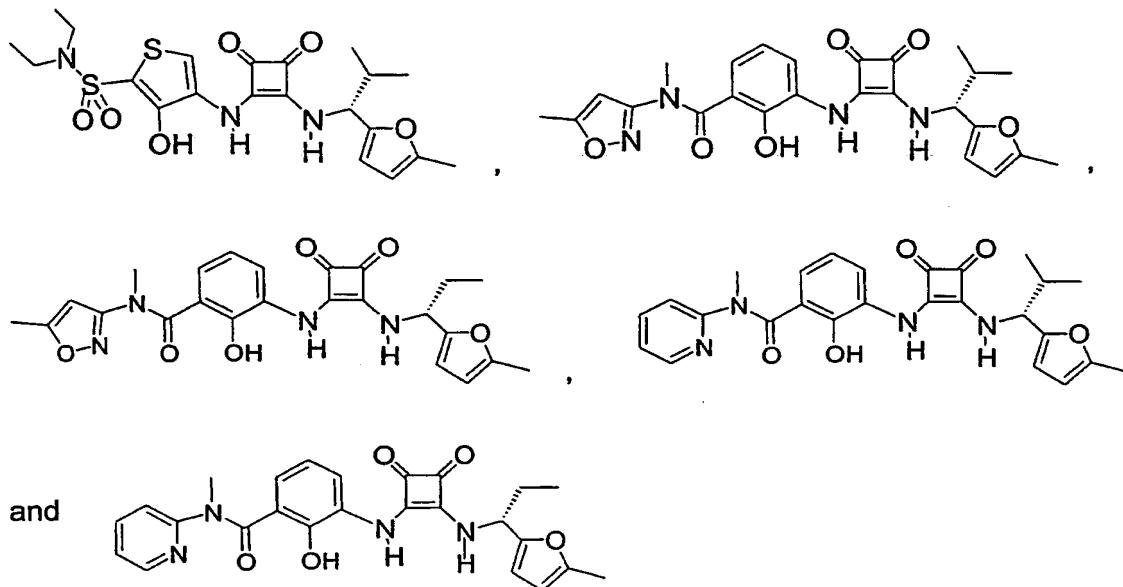
20 Embodiment No. 101 is directed to the methods of this invention using a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any one of the representative compounds of formula (I) described below.

Embodiment No. 102 is directed to the methods of this invention using a sodium salt of any one of the representative compounds of formula (I) described below.

25 Embodiment No. 103 is directed to the methods of this invention using a calcium salt of any one of the representative compounds of formula (I) described below.

30 Embodiment No. 104 is directed to the methods of this invention using a pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one (e.g., 1 to 3, usually 1) compound of formula (I) as described in any one of the Embodiment Nos. 1 to 103 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier (or diluent).

Embodiment No. 105 is directed to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a novel compound of formula (I), wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

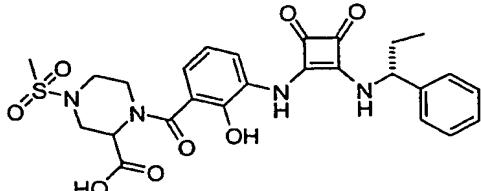
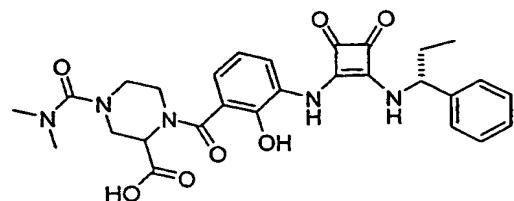
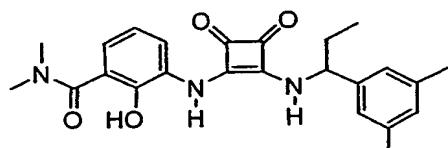
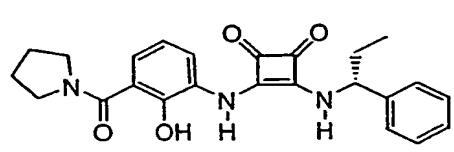
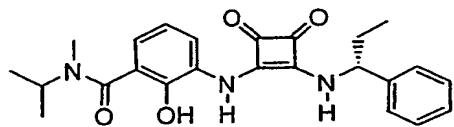
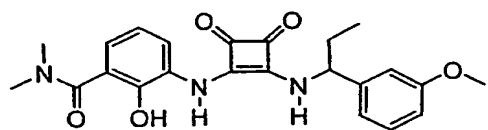
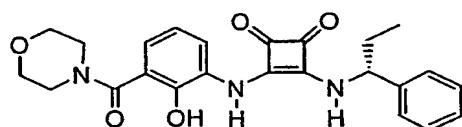
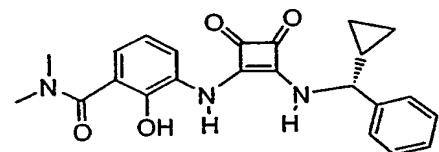
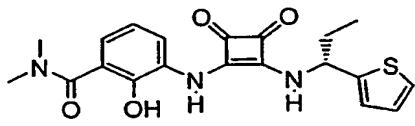
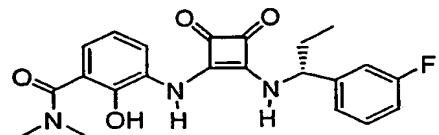
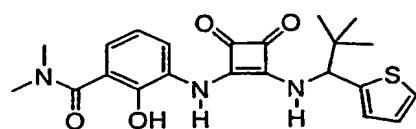
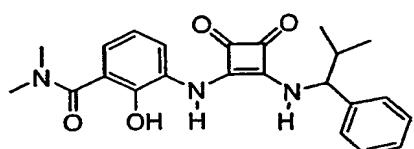
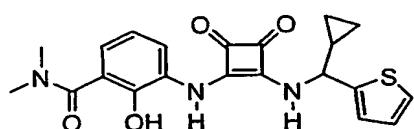
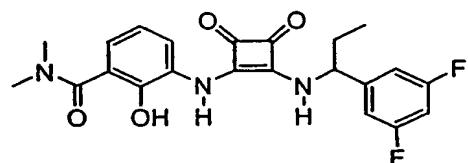
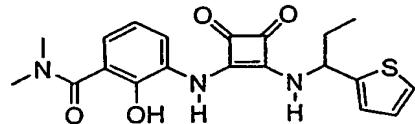
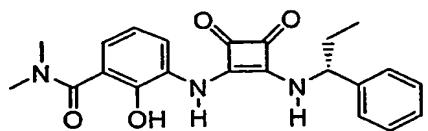


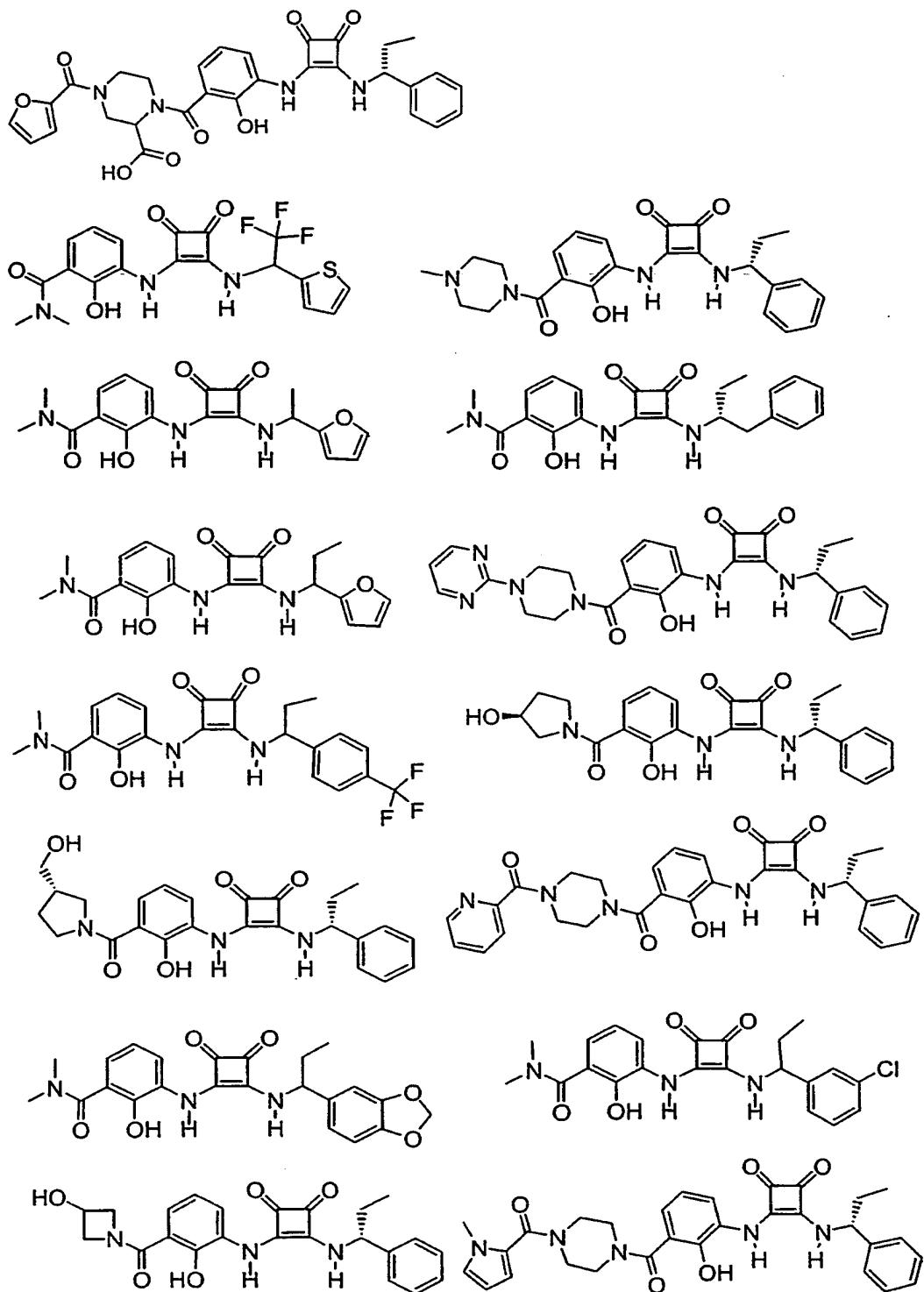
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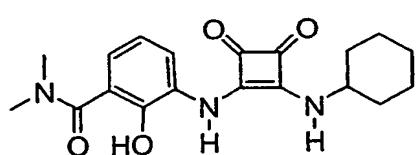
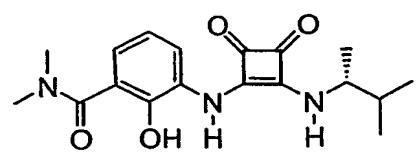
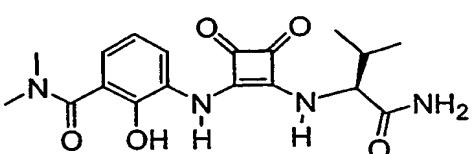
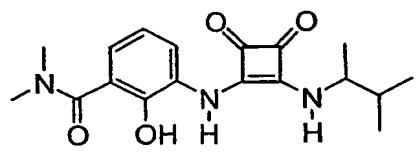
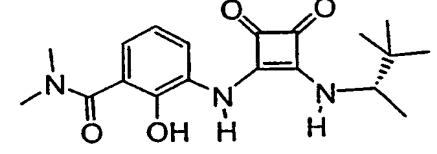
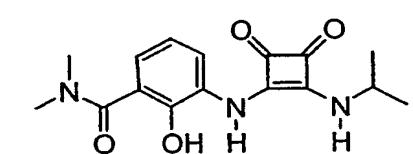
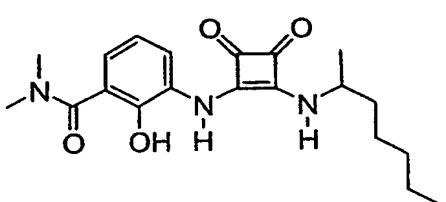
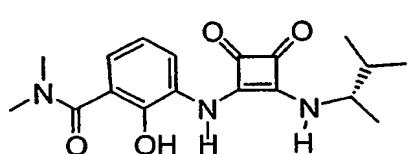
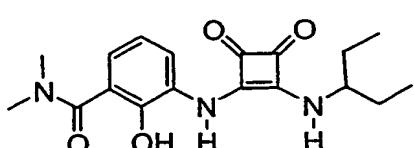
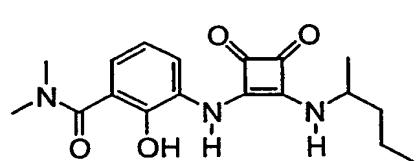
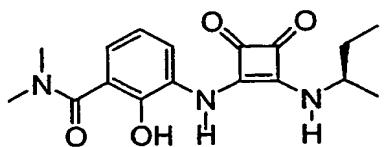
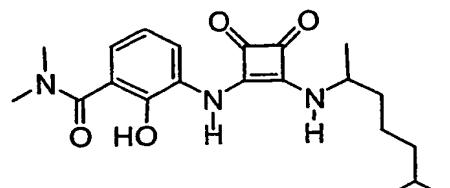
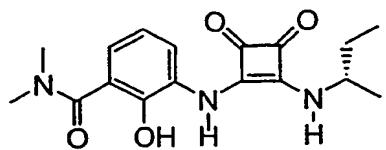
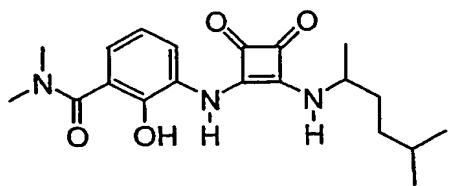
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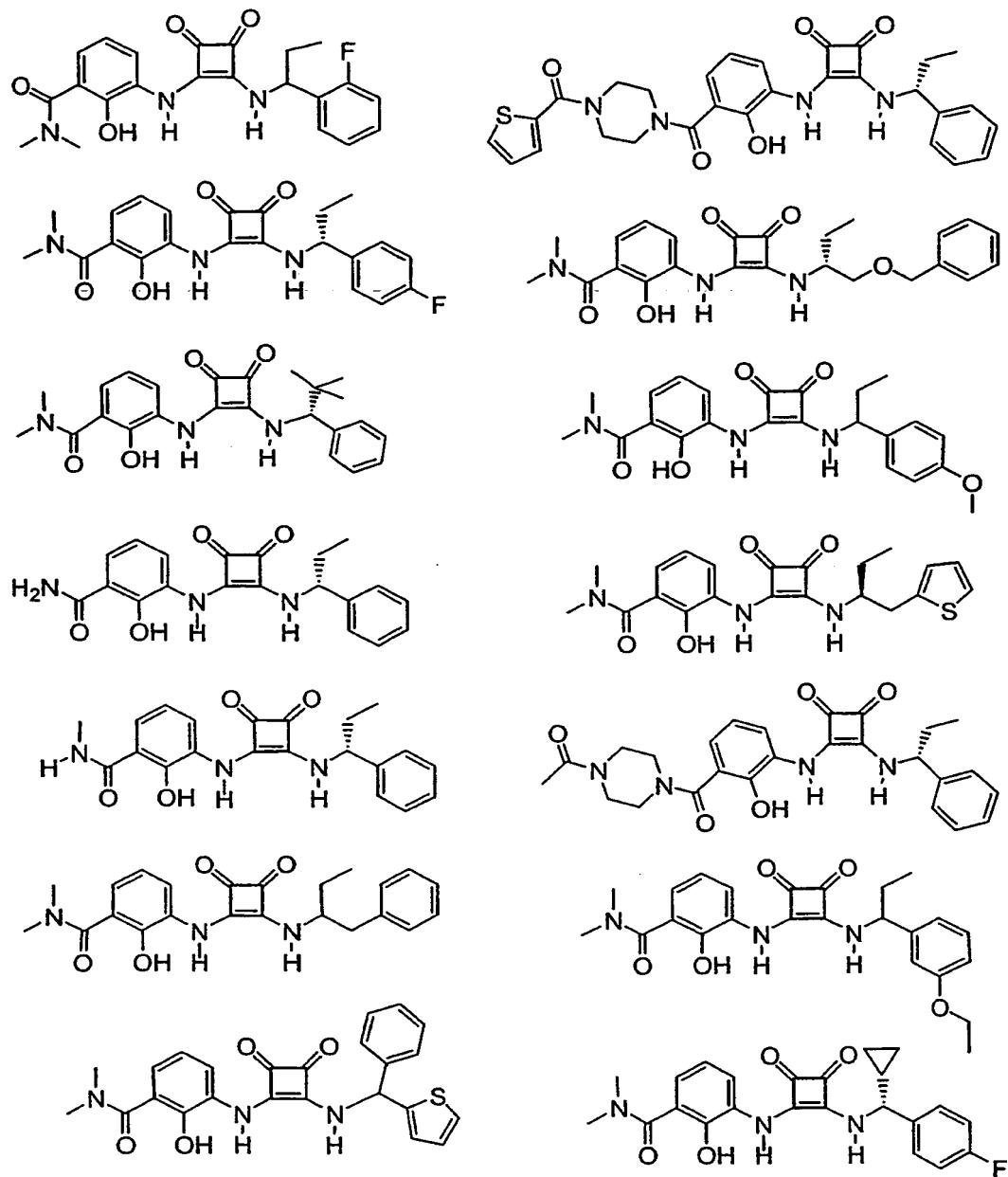
15 Embodiment No. 108 is directed to a pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one (e.g., 1 to 3, usually 1) novel compound of formula (I) as described in Embodiment No. 105 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier (or diluent).

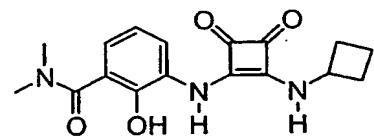
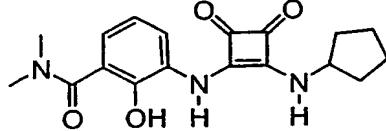
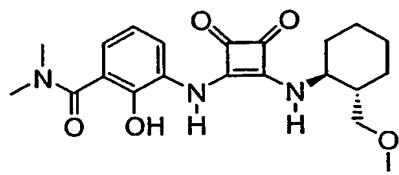
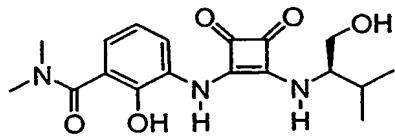
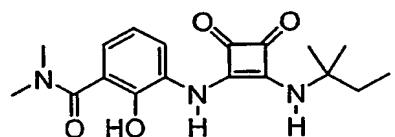
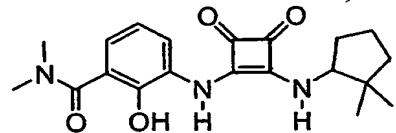
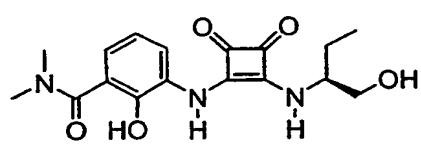
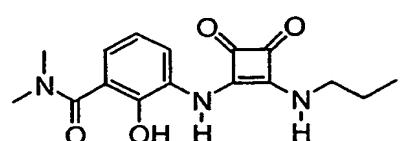
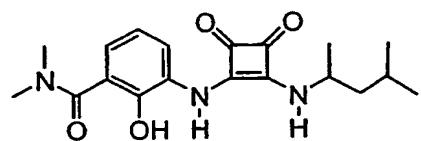
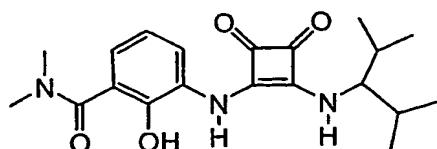
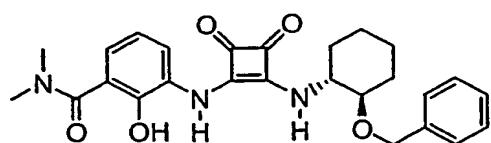
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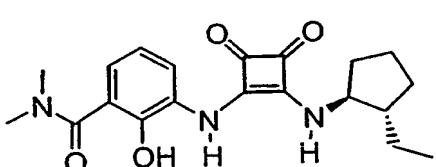
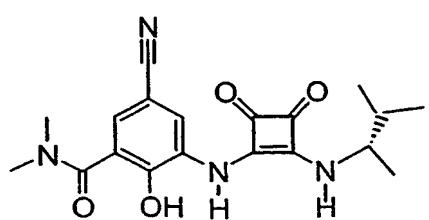
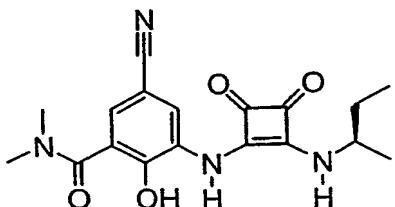
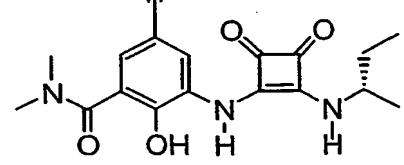
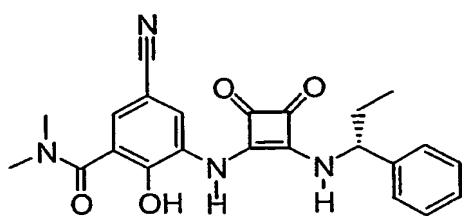
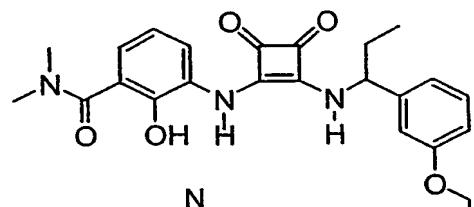
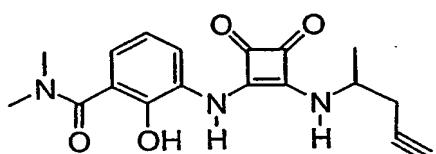
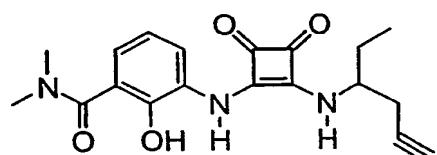
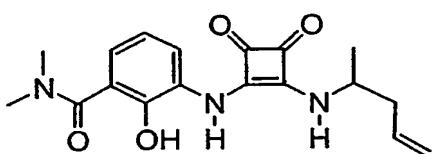
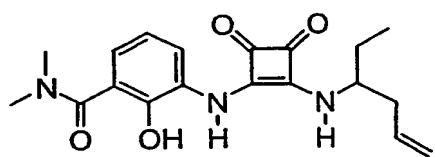
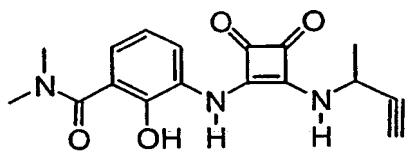
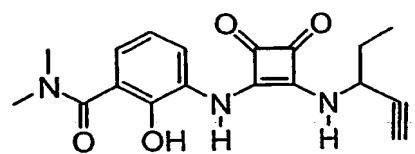
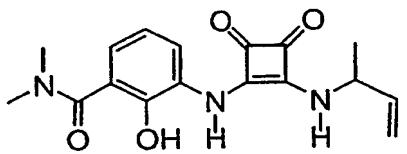
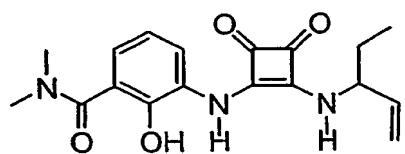




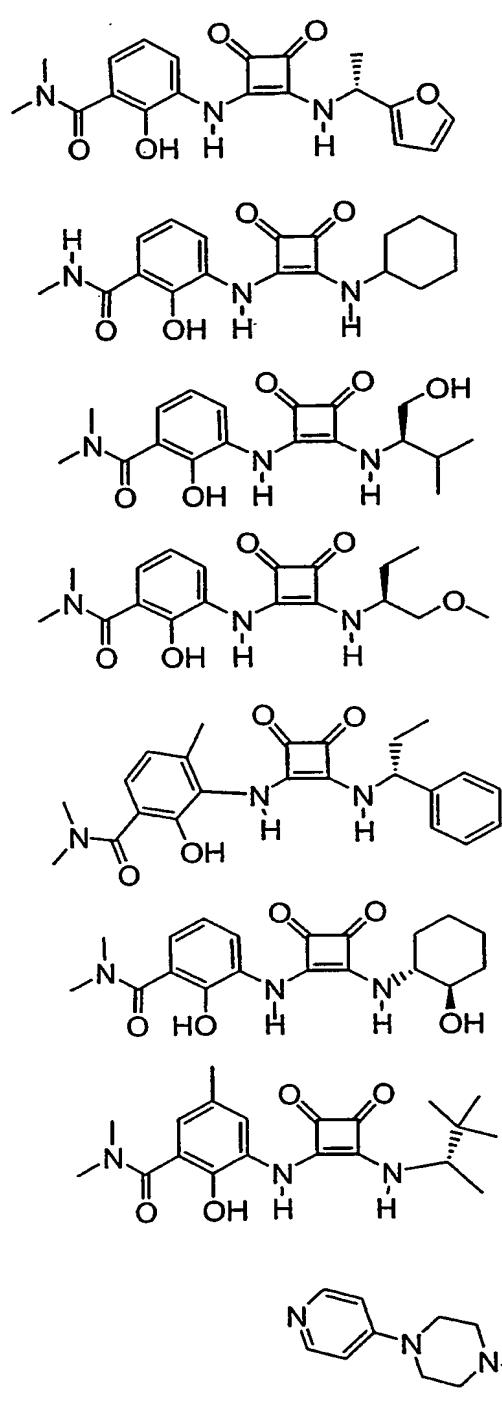


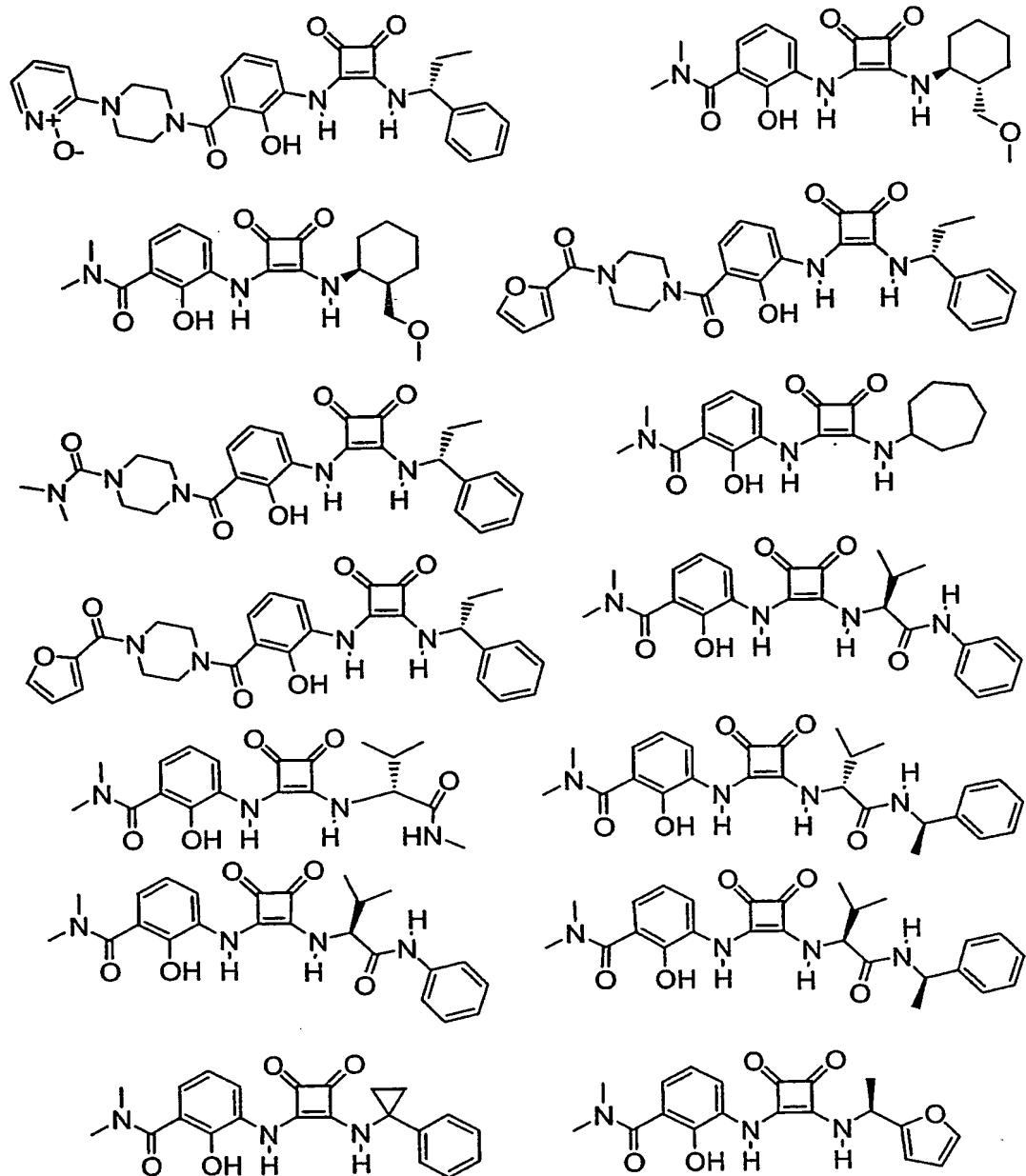




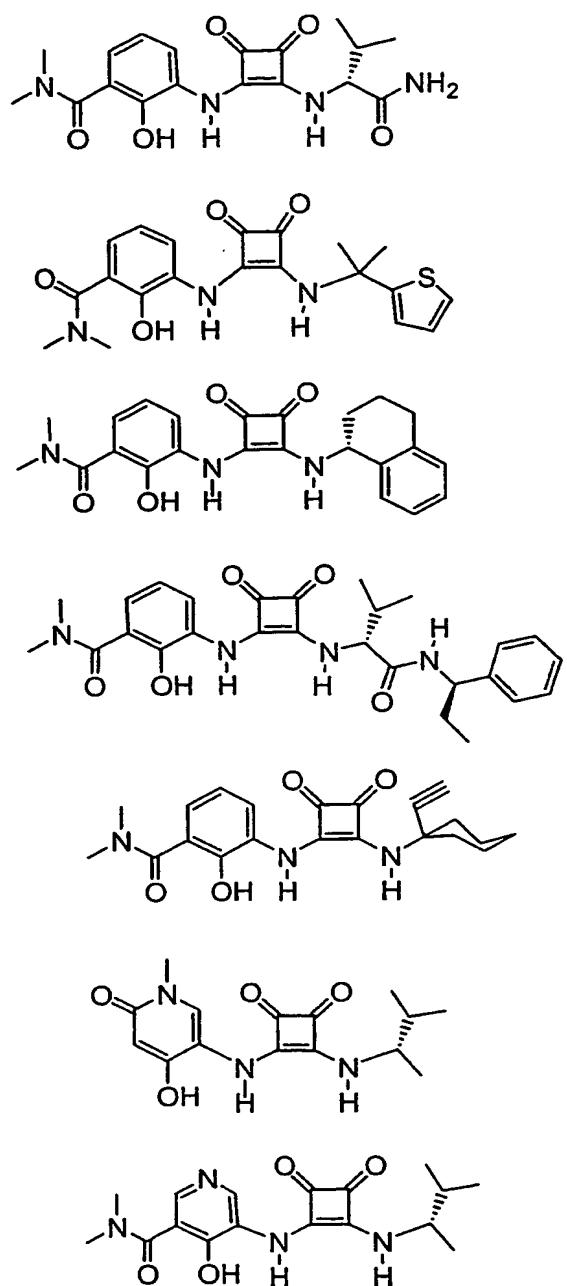


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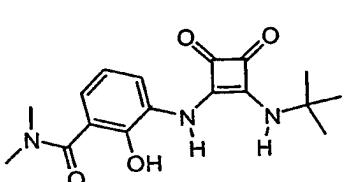
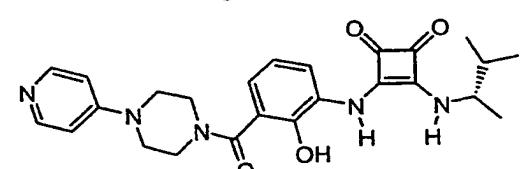
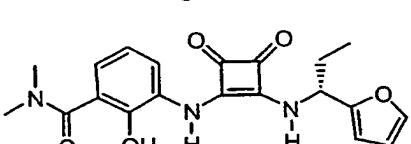
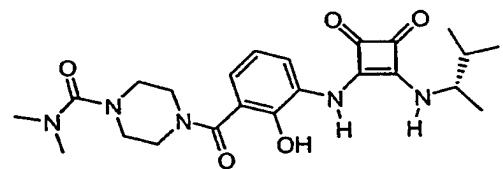
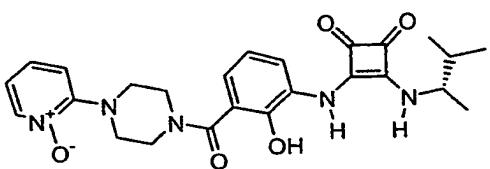
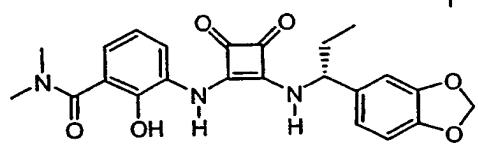
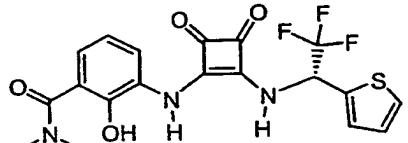
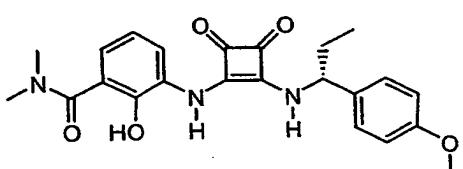
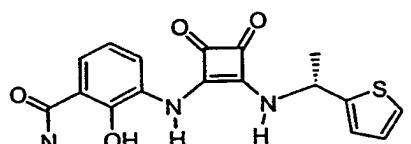
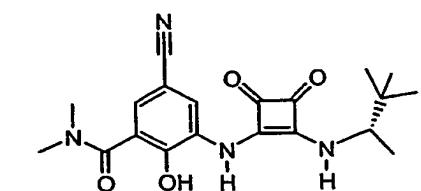
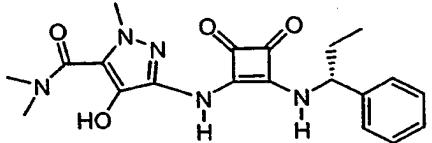
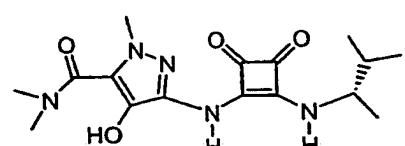
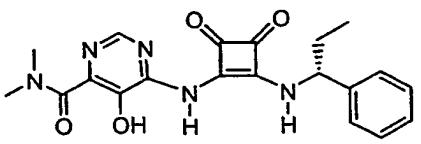
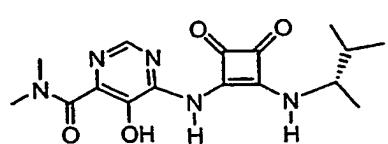


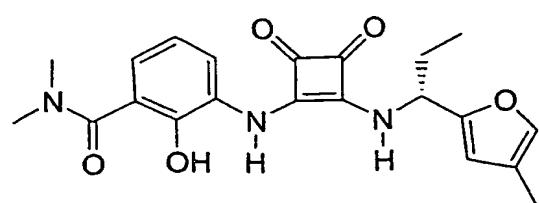
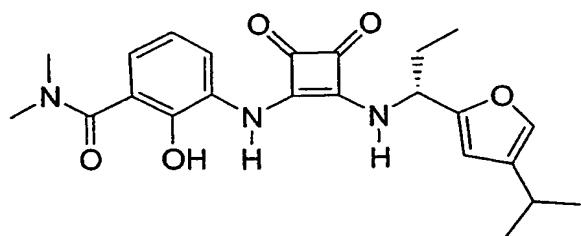
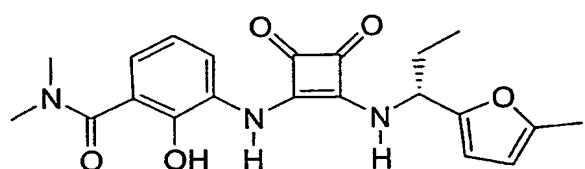
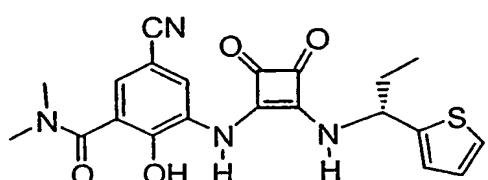
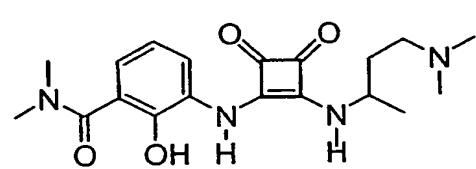
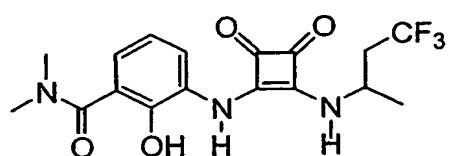
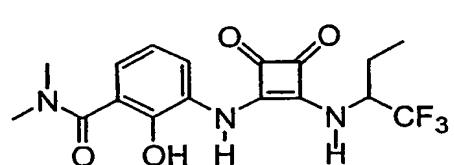
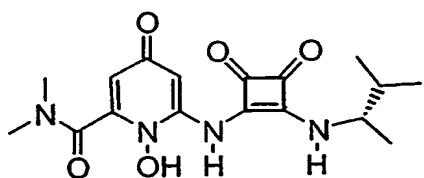
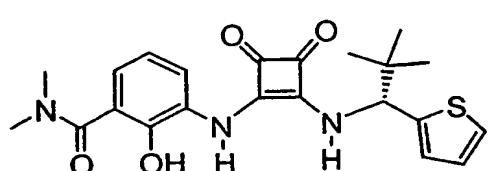
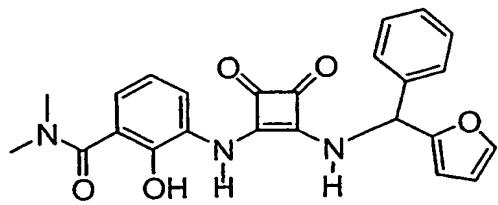
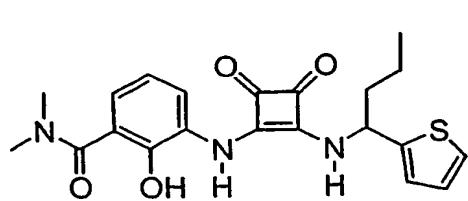


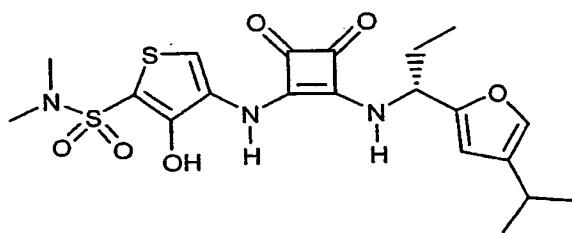
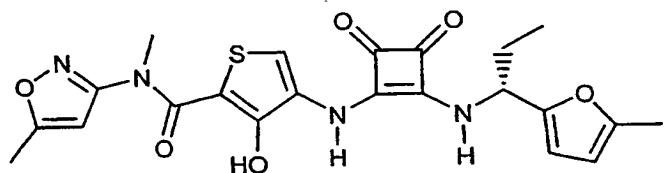
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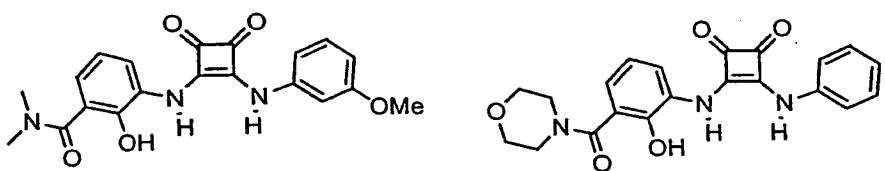
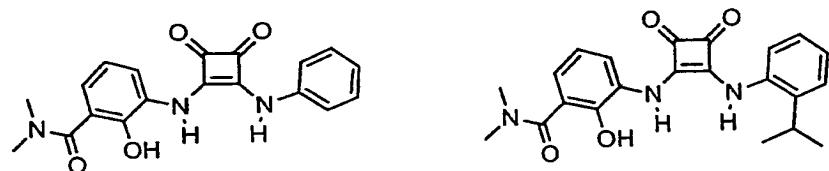
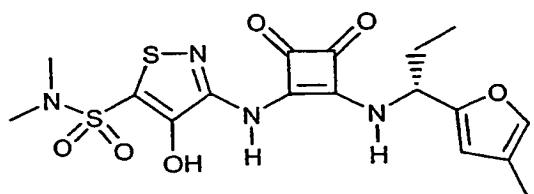
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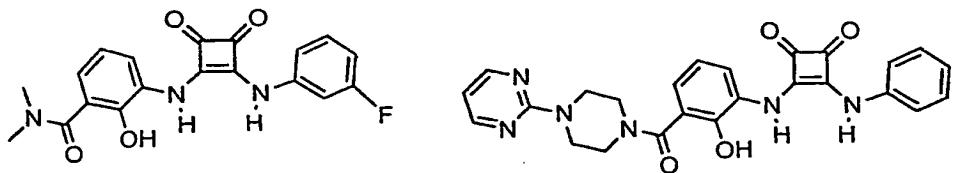




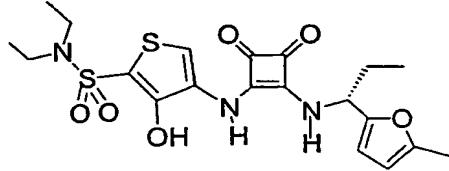
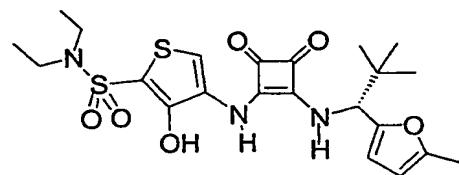
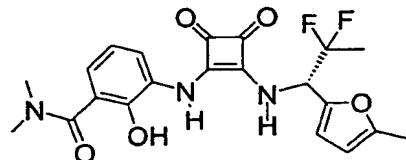
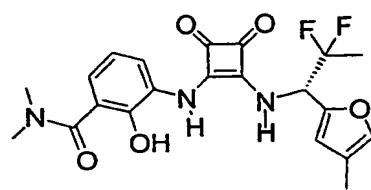
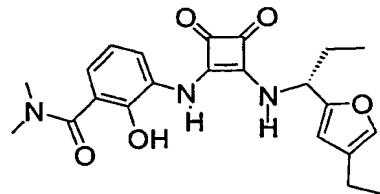
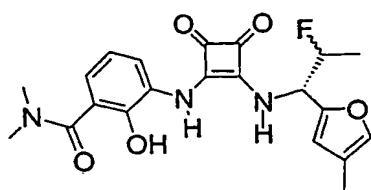
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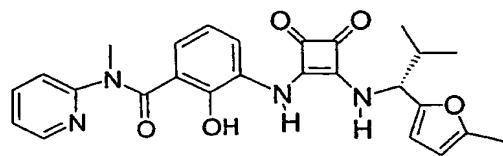
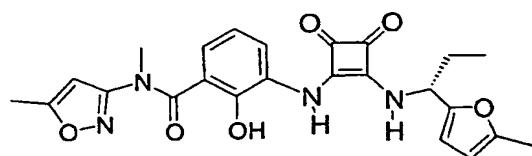
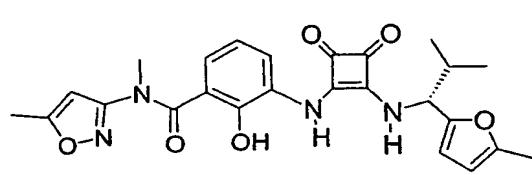
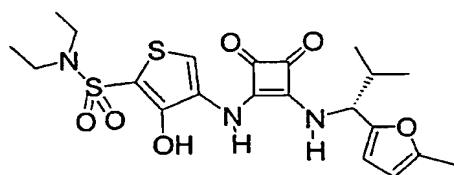
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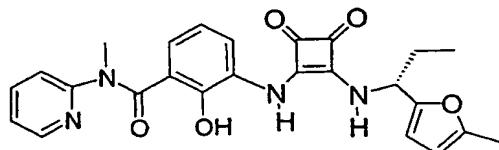
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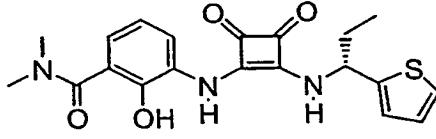
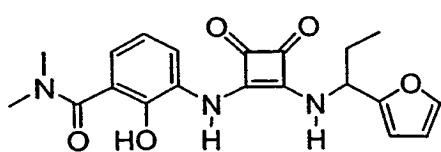
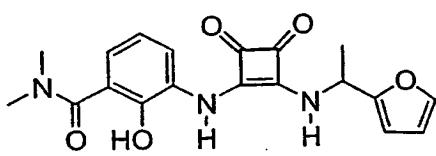
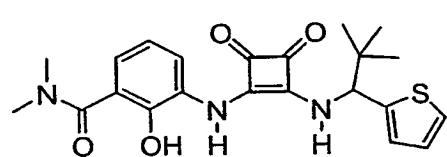
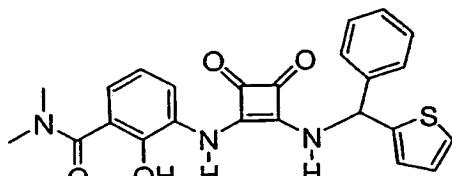
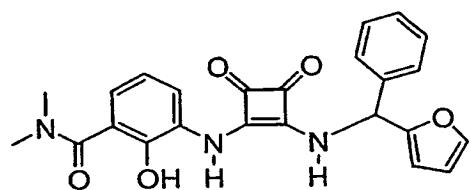
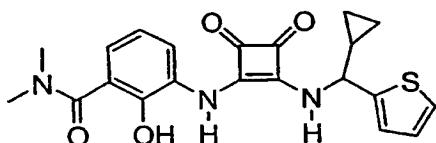
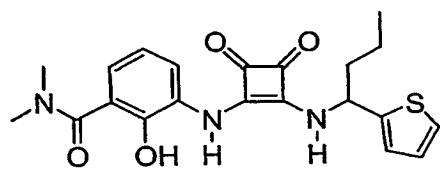
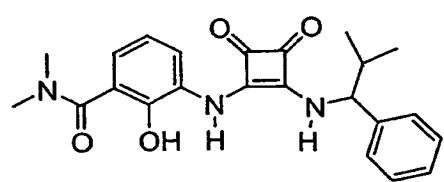
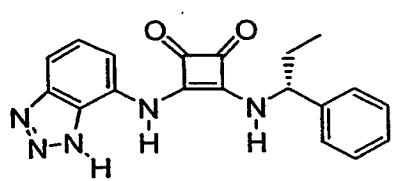
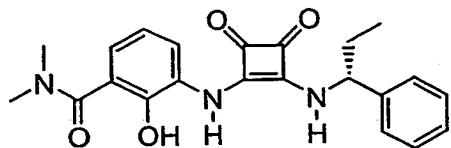
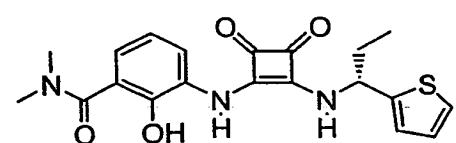
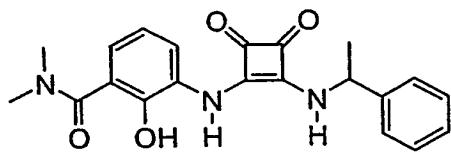
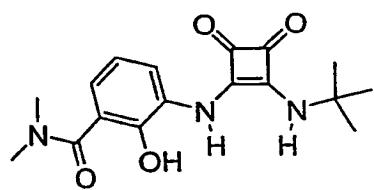
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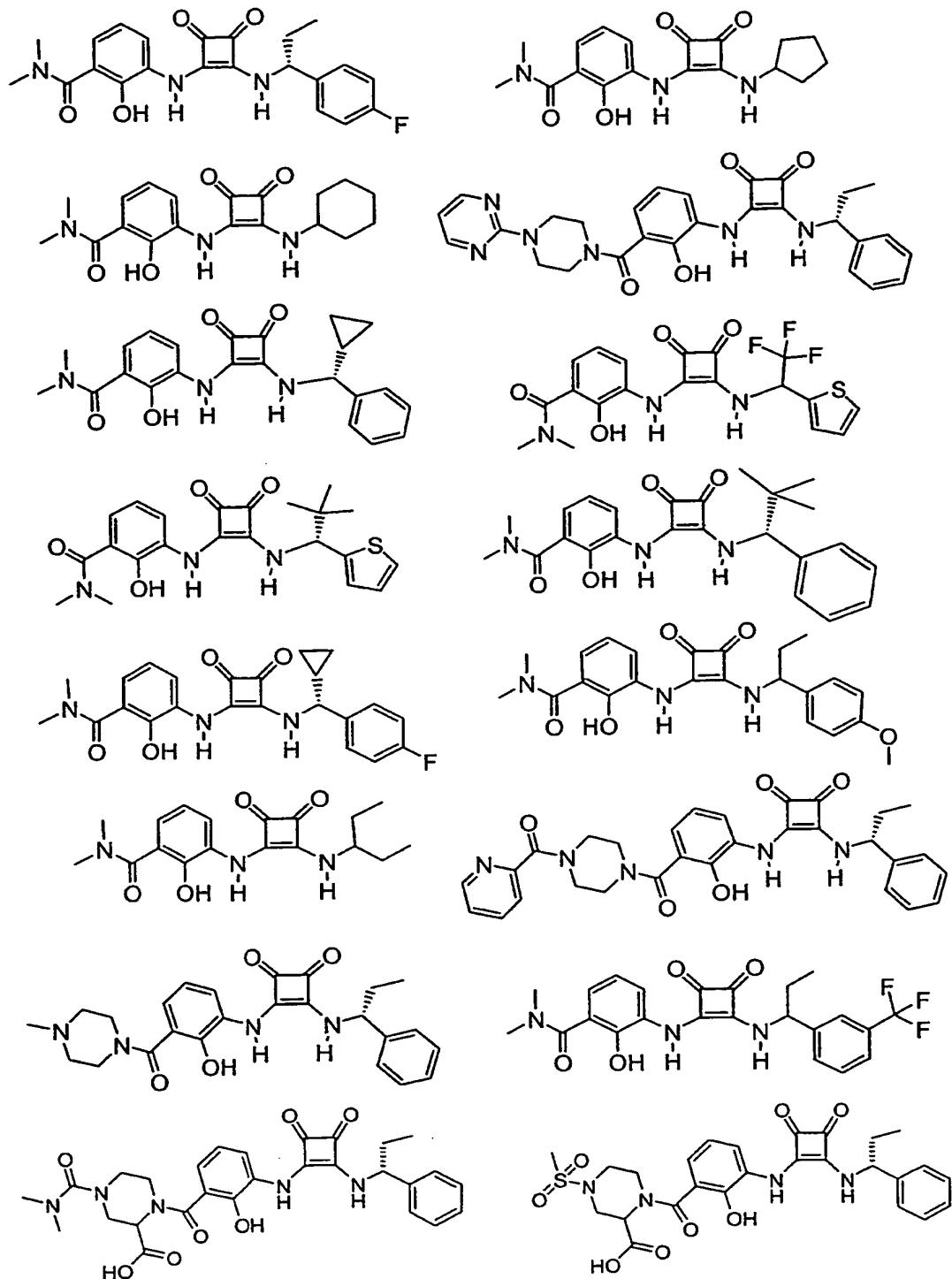


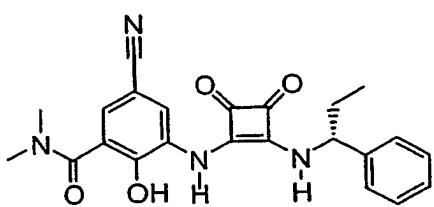
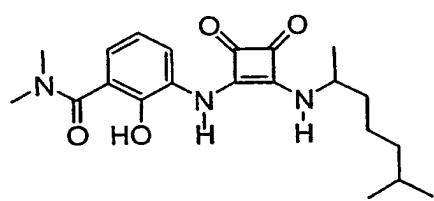
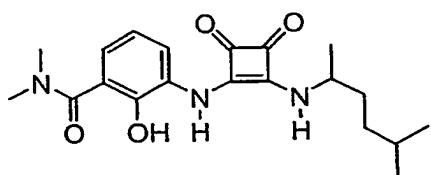
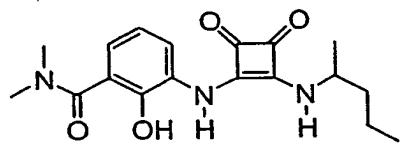
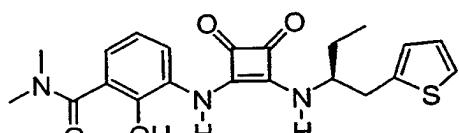
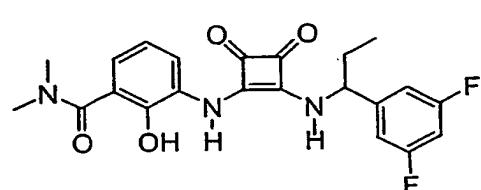
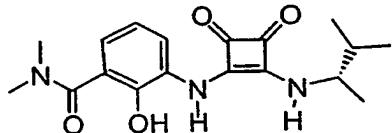
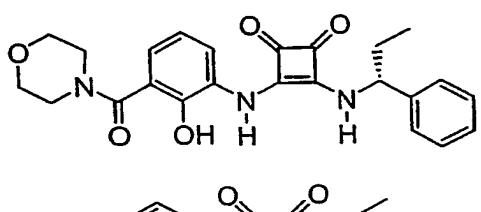
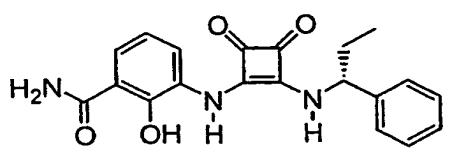
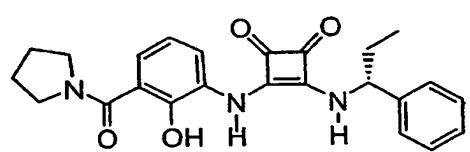
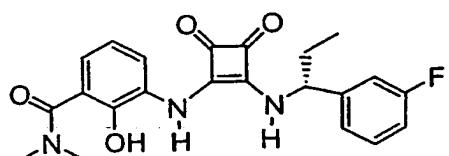
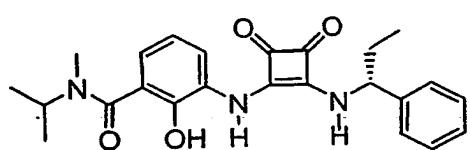
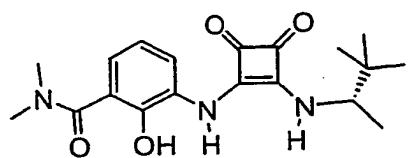
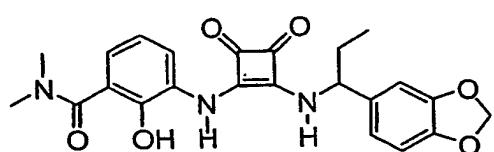
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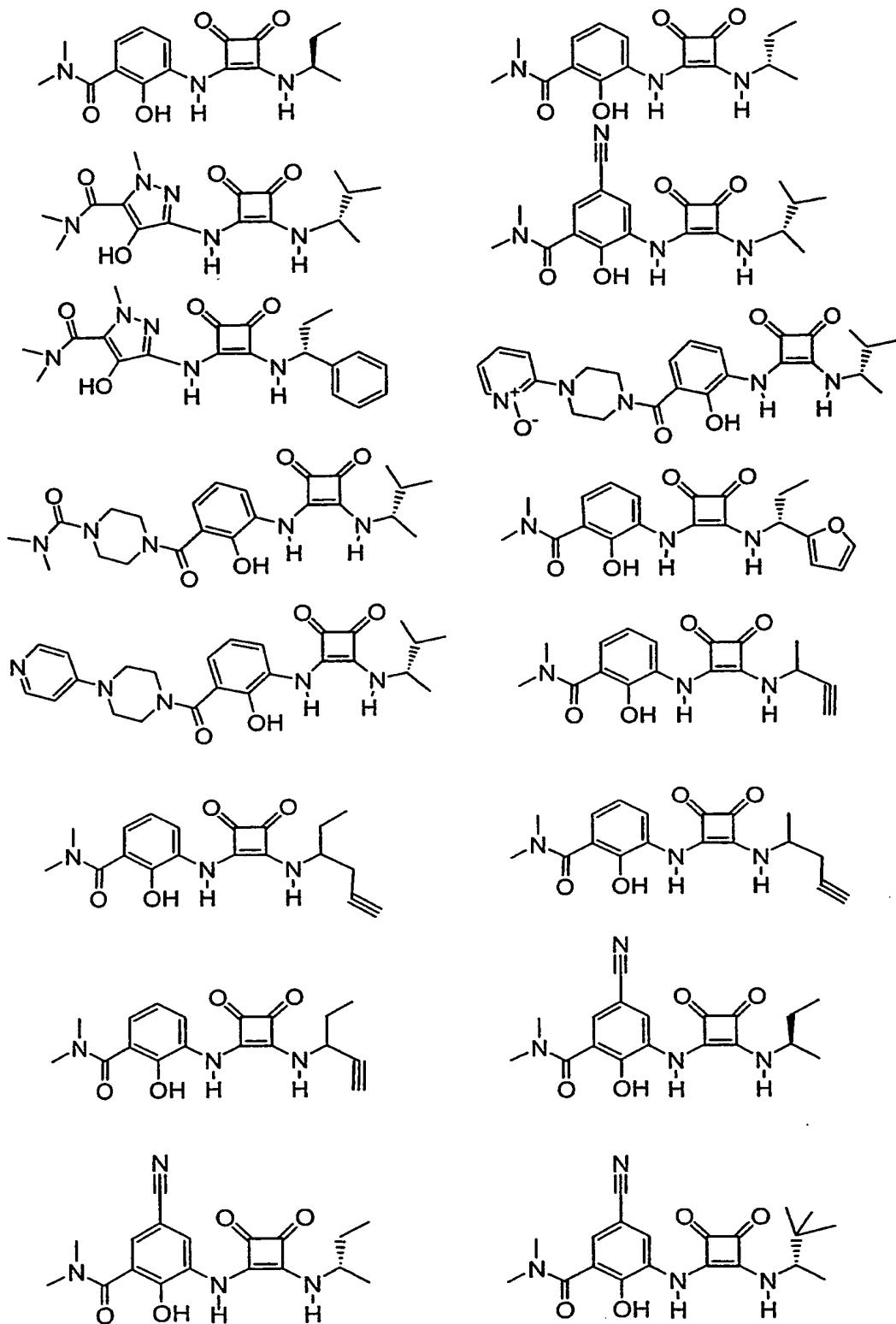
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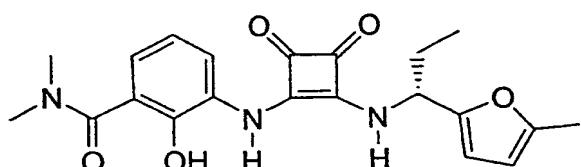
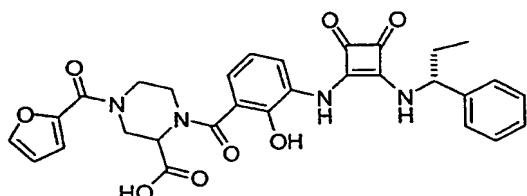
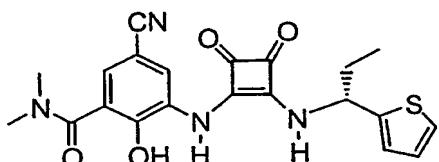
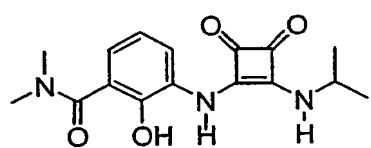
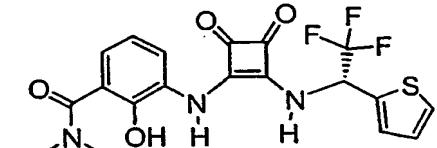
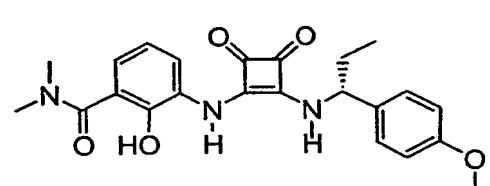
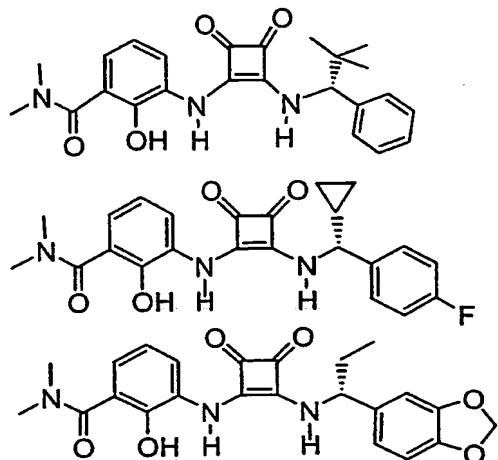
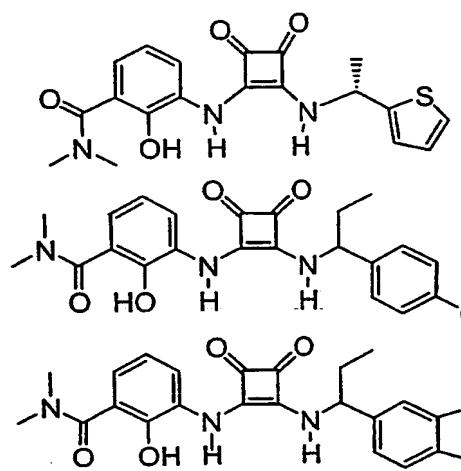




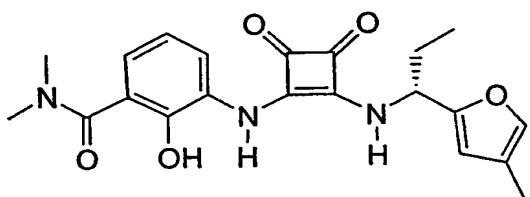
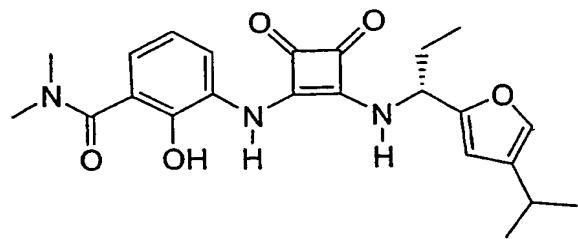




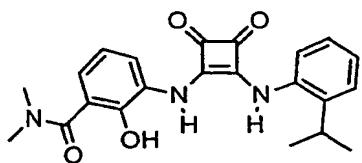
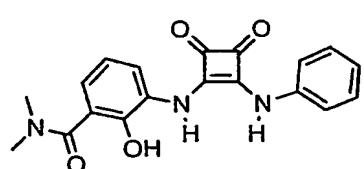
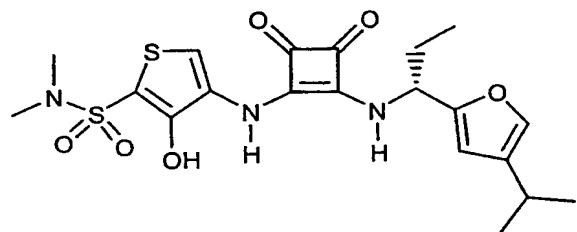
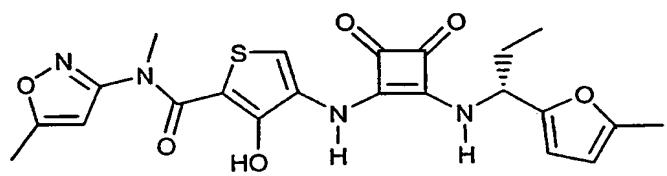
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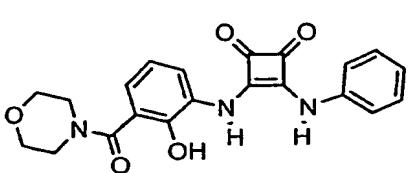
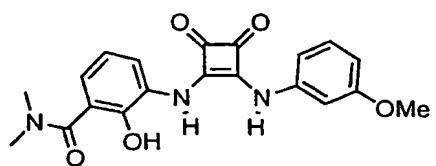
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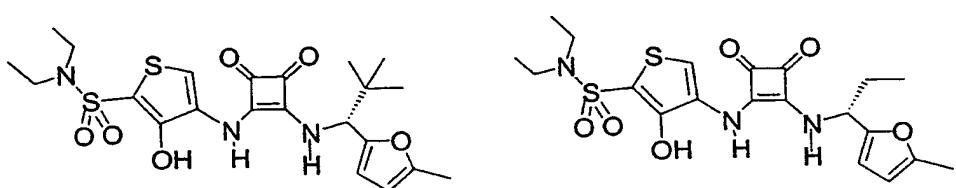
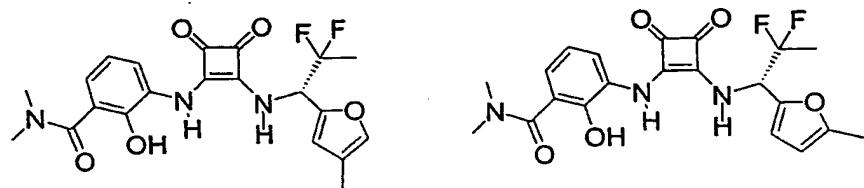
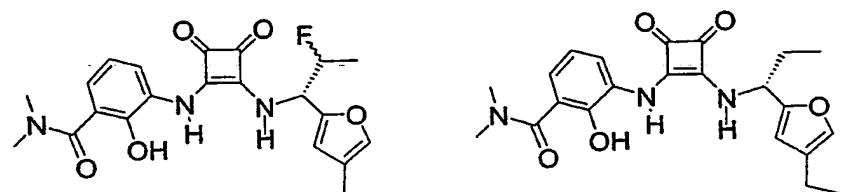
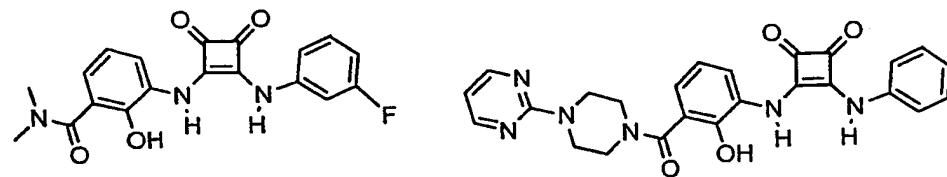


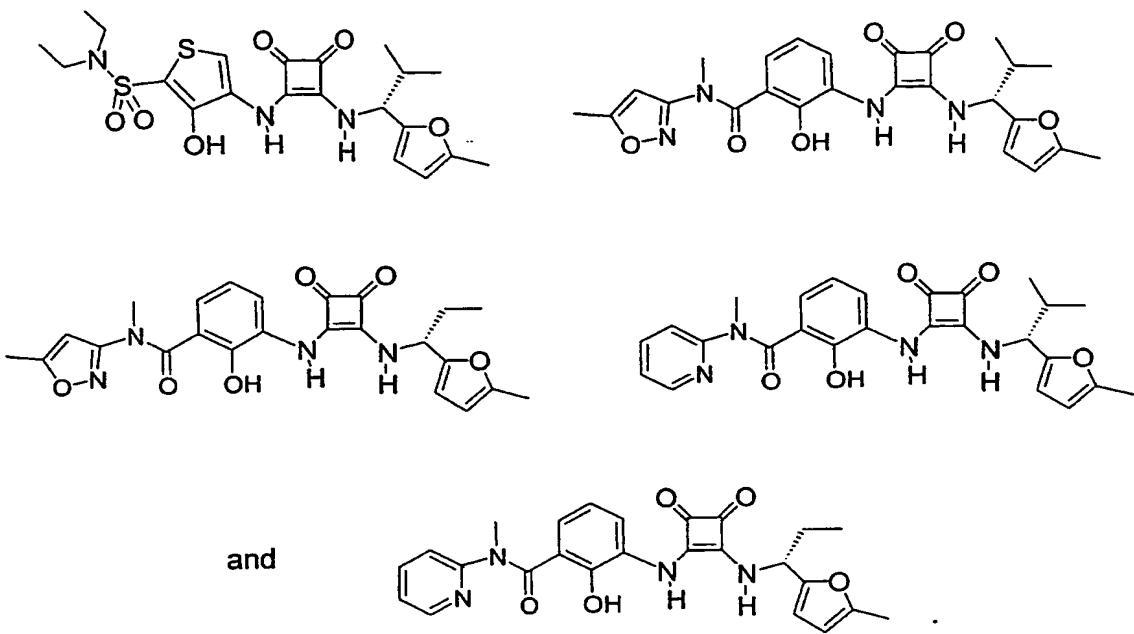
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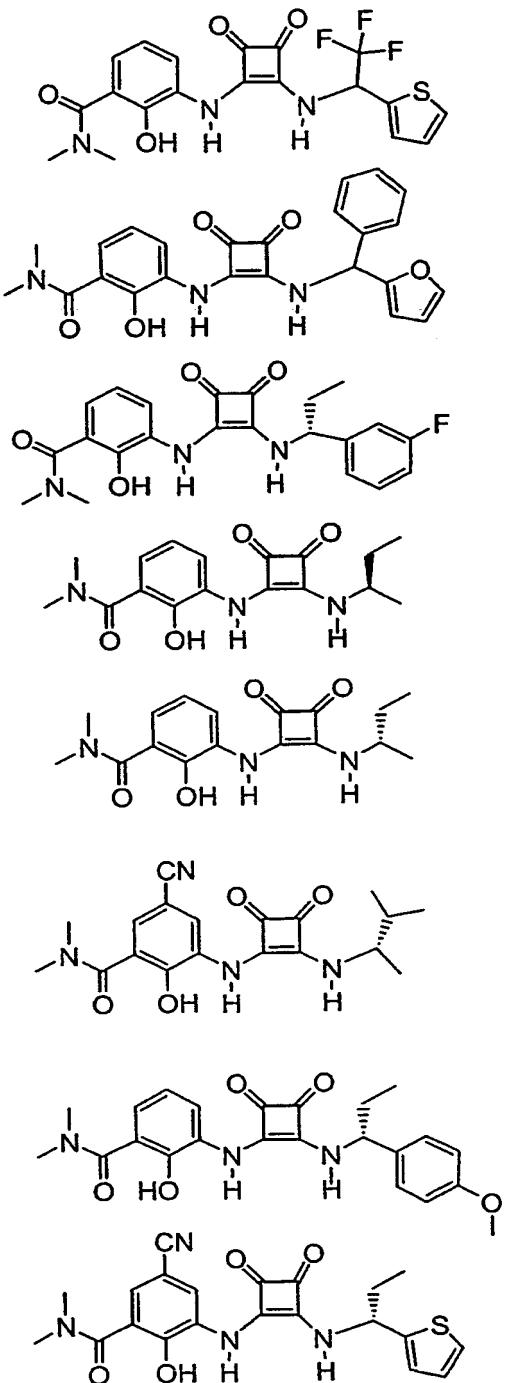
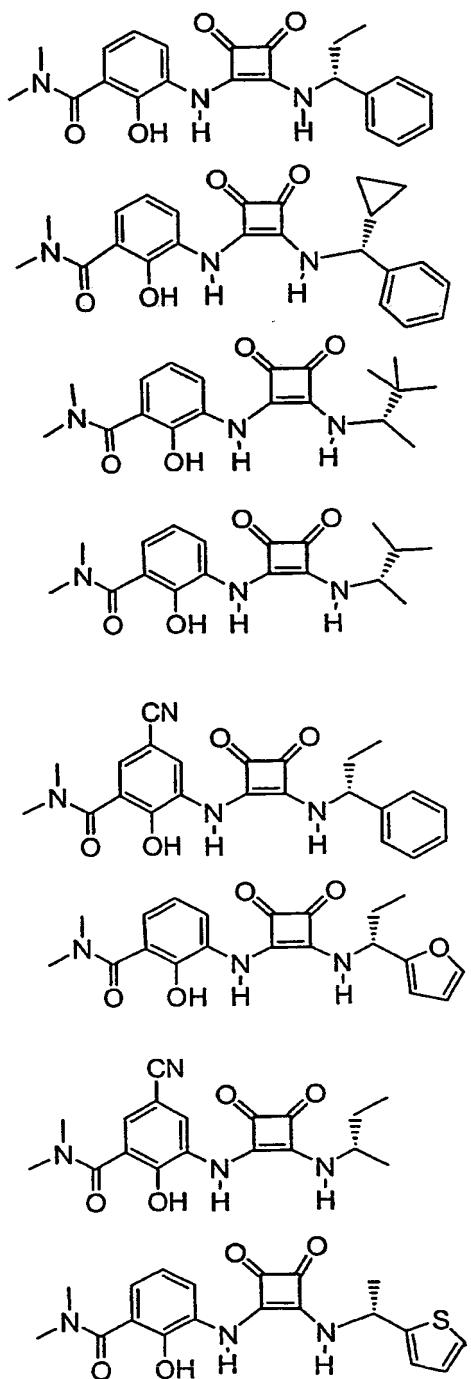




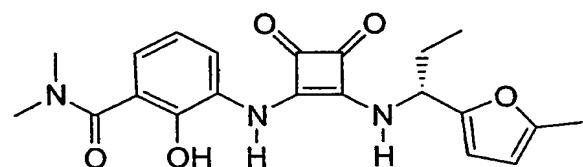
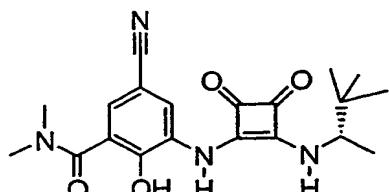
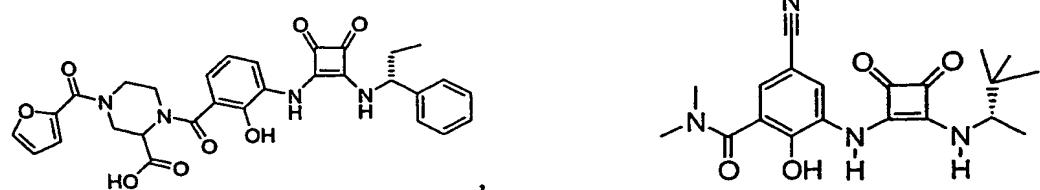
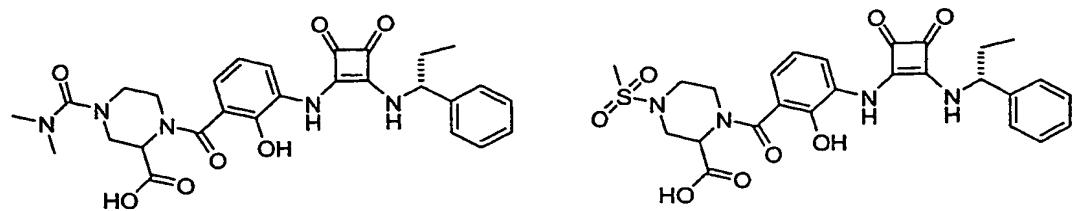


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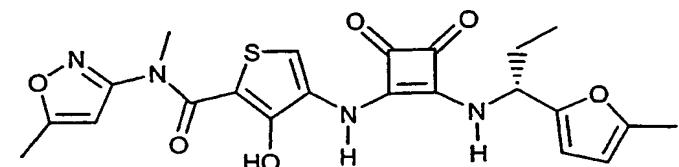
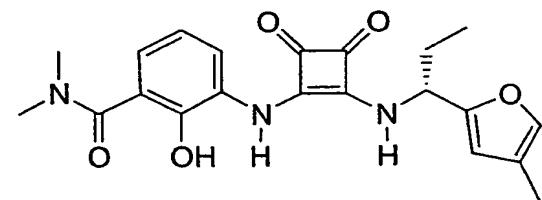
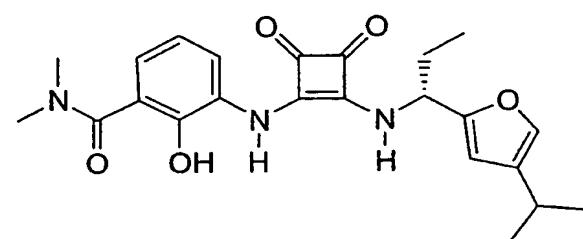
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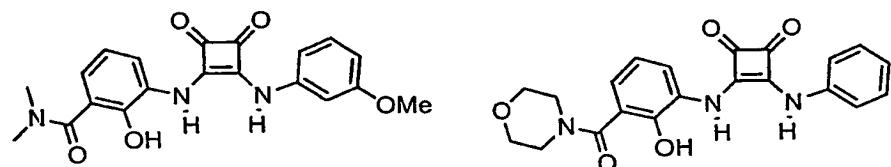
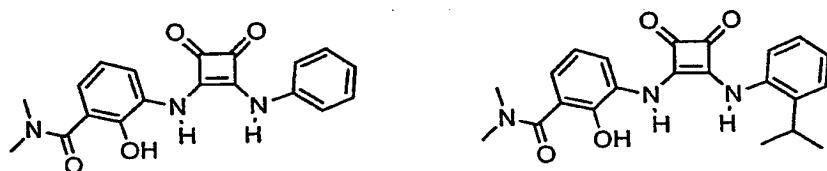
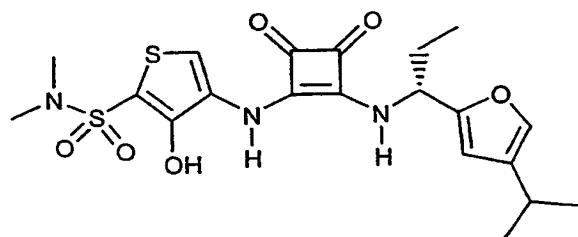


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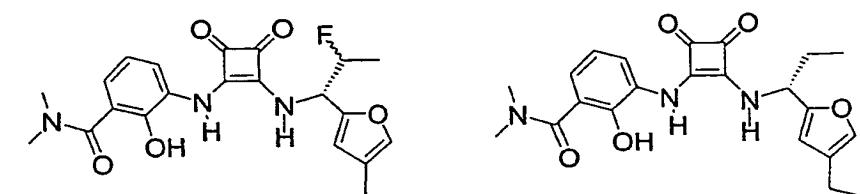
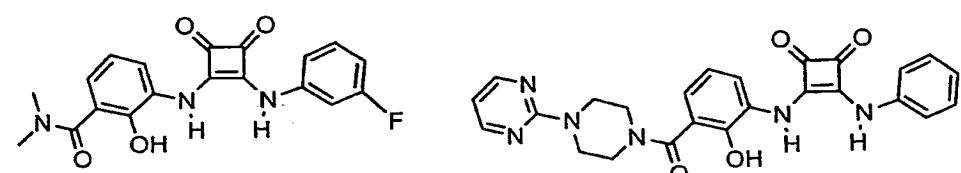


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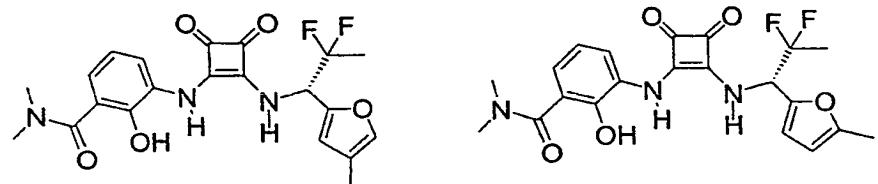
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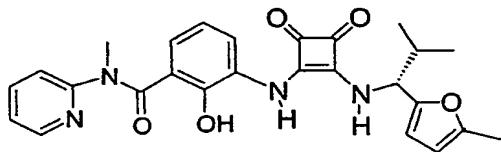
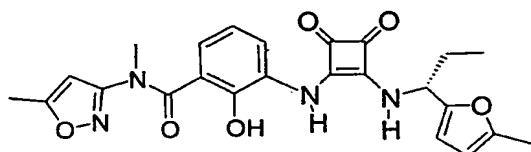
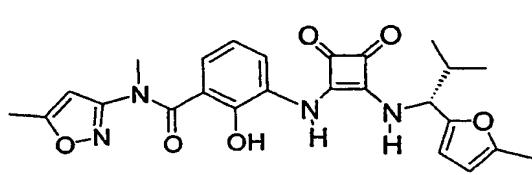
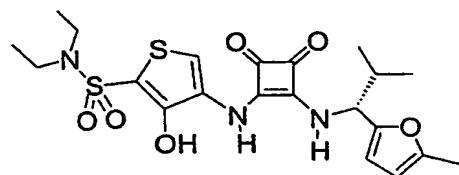
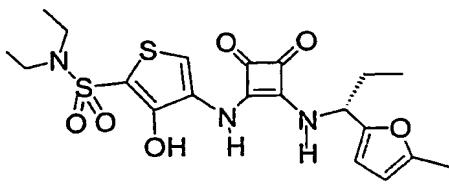
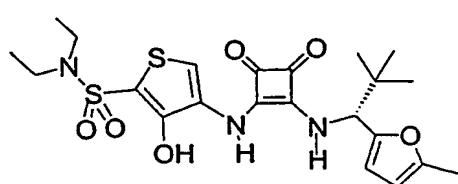
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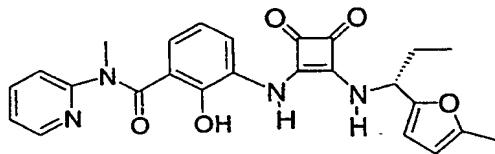
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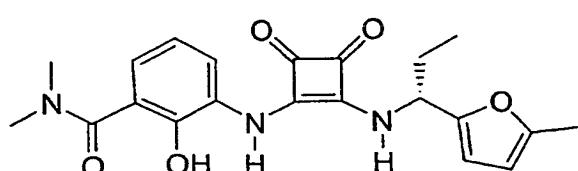
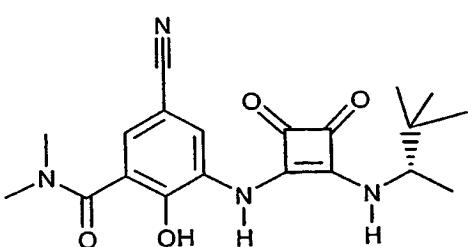
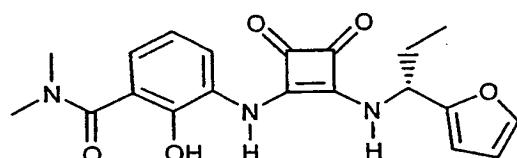
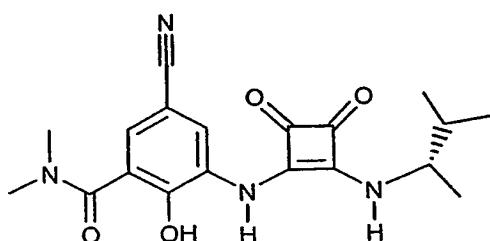
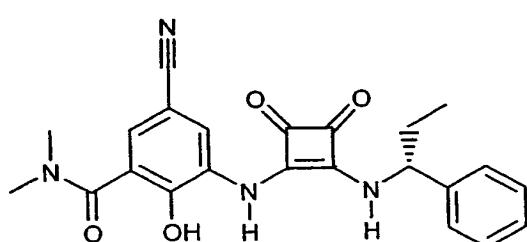
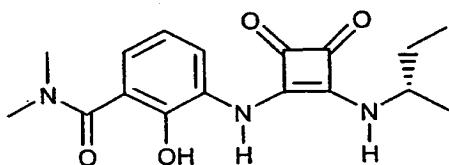
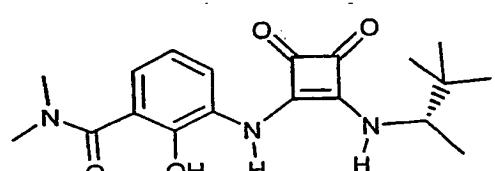
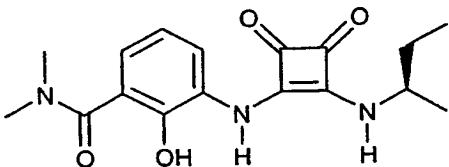
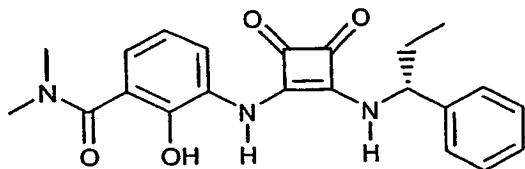
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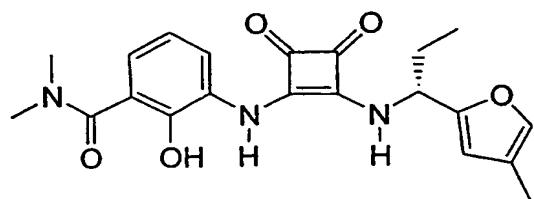
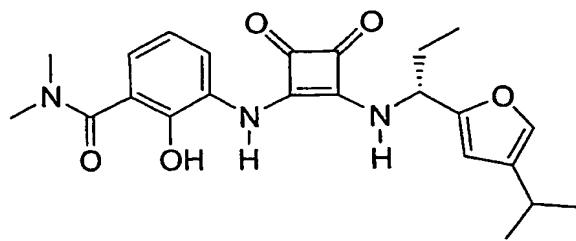


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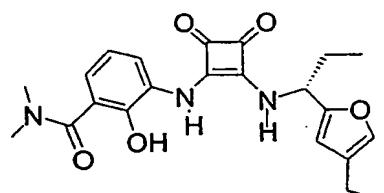
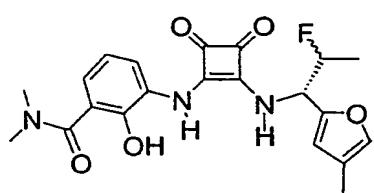
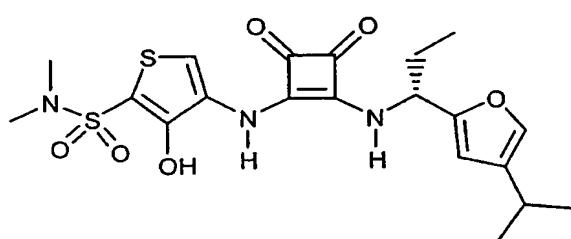
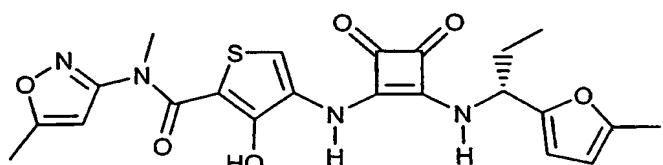


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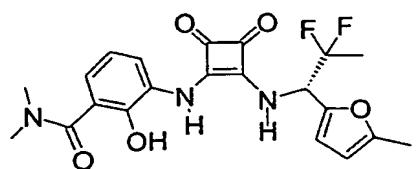
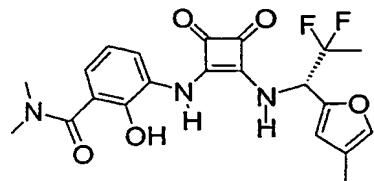


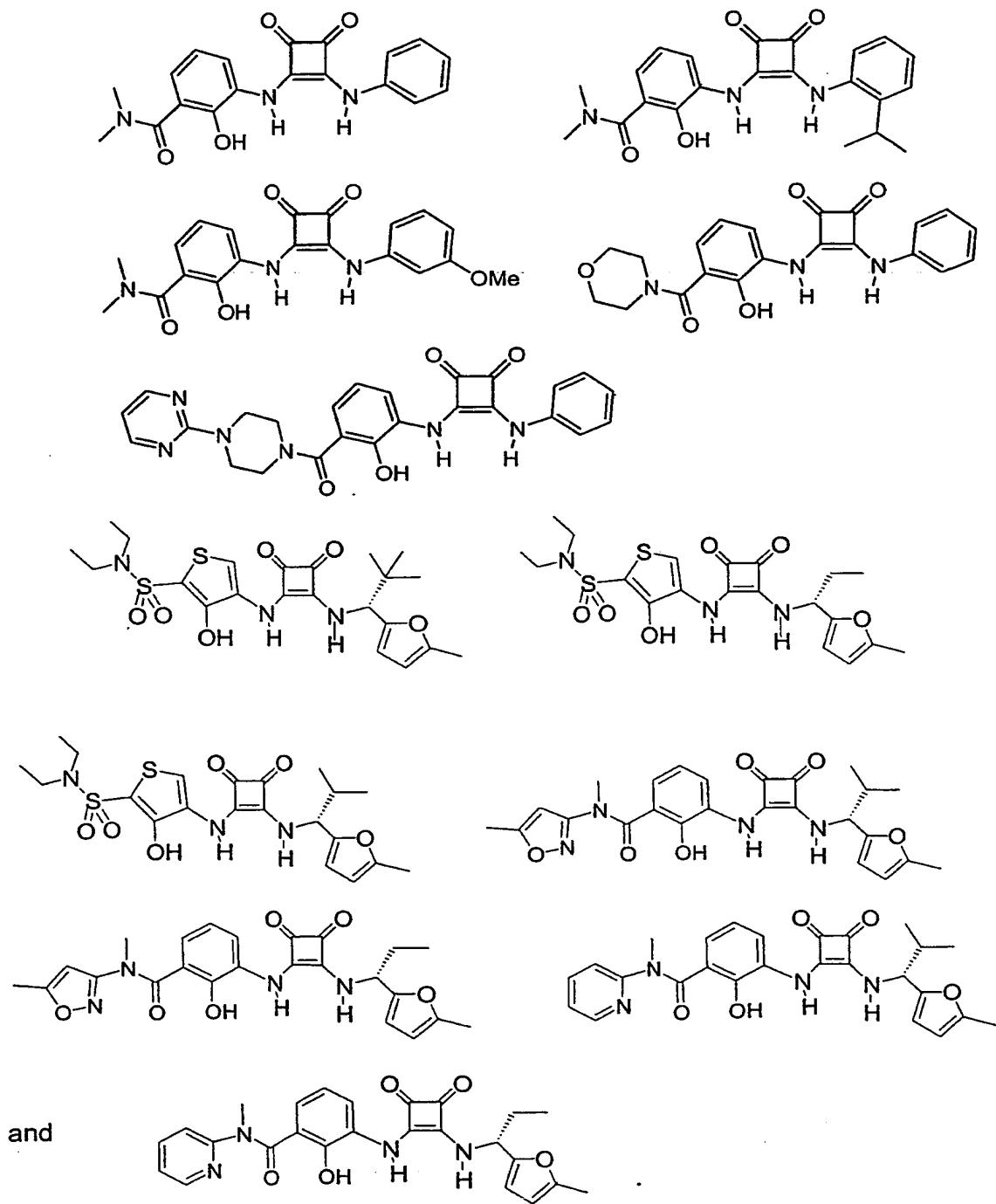


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Certain compounds of formula (I) may exist in different stereoisomeric forms (e.g., enantiomers, diastereoisomers and atropisomers). The invention contemplates

all such stereoisomers both in pure form and in admixture, including racemic mixtures. Isomers can be prepared using conventional methods.

Certain compounds will be acidic in nature, e.g. those compounds which possess a carboxyl or phenolic hydroxyl group. These compounds may form 5 pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Examples of such salts may include sodium, potassium, calcium, aluminum, gold and silver salts. Also contemplated are salts formed with pharmaceutically acceptable amines such as ammonia, alkyl amines, hydroxyalkylamines, N-methylglucamine and the like.

Certain basic compounds also form pharmaceutically acceptable salts, e.g., 10 acid addition salts. For example, the pyrido-nitrogen atoms may form salts with strong acid, while compounds having basic substituents such as amino groups also form salts with weaker acids. Examples of suitable acids for salt formation are hydrochloric, sulfuric, phosphoric, acetic, citric, oxalic, malonic, salicylic, malic, fumaric, succinic, ascorbic, maleic, methanesulfonic and other mineral and carboxylic acids well known 15 to those skilled in the art. The salts are prepared by contacting the free base form with a sufficient amount of the desired acid to produce a salt in the conventional manner. The free base forms may be regenerated by treating the salt with a suitable dilute aqueous base solution such as dilute aqueous NaOH, potassium carbonate, ammonia and sodium bicarbonate. The free base forms differ from their respective 20 salt forms somewhat in certain physical properties, such as solubility in polar solvents, but the acid and base salts are otherwise equivalent to their respective free base forms for purposes of the invention.

All such acid and base salts are intended to be pharmaceutically acceptable 25 salts within the scope of the invention and all acid and base salts are considered equivalent to the free forms of the corresponding compounds for purposes of the invention.

Compounds of formula (I) can exist in unsolvated and solvated forms, including 30 hydrated forms. In general, the solvated forms, with pharmaceutically acceptable solvents such as water, ethanol and the like, are equivalent to the unsolvated forms for the purposes of this invention.

This invention also includes Prodrugs of the novel compounds of this invention, and of the compounds of formula (I) useful in the methods of this invention. The term "prodrug," as used herein, represents compounds which are rapidly transformed *in*

vivo to the parent compound of the above formula, for example, by hydrolysis in blood. A thorough discussion is provided in T. Higuchi and V. Stella, Pro-drugs as Novel Delivery Systems, Vol. 14 of the A.C.S. Symposium Series, and in Edward B. Roche, ed., Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design, American Pharmaceutical Association and 5 Pergamon Press, 1987, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

For preparing pharmaceutical compositions from the compounds of formula (I), inert, pharmaceutically acceptable carriers can be either solid or liquid. Solid form preparations include powders, tablets, dispersible granules, capsules, cachets and suppositories. The powders and tablets may be comprised of from about 5 to about 10 95 percent active ingredient. Suitable solid carriers are known in the art, e.g., magnesium carbonate, magnesium stearate, talc, sugar or lactose. Tablets, powders, cachets and capsules can be used as solid dosage forms suitable for oral administration. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and methods of manufacture for various compositions may be found in A. Gennaro (ed.), Remington: 15 The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 20th Edition, (2000), Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, MD..

Liquid form preparations include solutions, suspensions and emulsions. As an example may be mentioned water or water-propylene glycol solutions for parenteral injection or addition of sweeteners and opacifiers for oral solutions, suspensions and 20 emulsions. Liquid form preparations may also include solutions for intranasal administration.

Aerosol preparations suitable for inhalation may include solutions and solids in powder form, which may be in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such as an inert compressed gas, e.g. nitrogen.

25 Also included are solid form preparations which are intended to be converted, shortly before use, to liquid form preparations for either oral or parenteral administration. Such liquid forms include solutions, suspensions and emulsions.

The compounds of formula (I) may also be deliverable transdermally. The 30 transdermal composition can take the form of creams, lotions, aerosols and/or emulsions and can be included in a transdermal patch of the matrix or reservoir type as are conventional in the art for this purpose.

Preferably the compound of formula (I) is administered orally.

Preferably, the pharmaceutical preparation is in a unit dosage form. In such form, the preparation is subdivided into suitably sized unit doses containing appropriate quantities of the active component, e.g., an effective amount to achieve the desired purpose.

5 The quantity of active compound in a unit dose of preparation may be varied or adjusted from about 0.01 mg to about 1000 mg, preferably from about 0.01 mg to about 750 mg, more preferably from about 0.01 mg to about 500 mg, and most preferably from about 0.01 mg to about 250 mg, according to the particular application.

10 The actual dosage employed may be varied depending upon the requirements of the patient and the severity of the condition being treated. Determination of the proper dosage regimen for a particular situation is within the skill of the art. For convenience, the total dosage may be divided and administered in portions during the day as required.

15 The amount and frequency of administration of the compounds of formula (I) and/or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof will be regulated according to the judgment of the attending clinician considering such factors as age, condition and size of the patient as well as severity of the symptoms being treated. A typical recommended daily dosage regimen for oral administration can range from about 0.04 mg/day to about 4000 mg/day, in two to four divided doses.

20 The compounds used in combination with the compounds of formula (I) can be administered in their normally prescribed amounts as known by the skilled clinician (see, for example, the Physicians' Desk Reference, 56th edition, 2002, published by Medical Economics company, Inc. at Montvale, NJ 07645-1742, the disclosure of 25 which is incorporated herein by reference thereto). The amount and frequency of administration of the compounds used in combination with the compounds of formula (I) will be regulated according to the judgment of the attending clinician considering such factors as age, condition and size of the patient as well as severity of the symptoms being treated.

BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS

The compounds of formula (I) are useful in the treatment of CXC-chemokine mediated conditions and diseases. This utility is manifested in their ability to inhibit IL-8 and GRO- α chemokine as demonstrated by the following *in vitro* assays.

5 **Receptor Binding Assays:**CXCR1 SPA Assay

For each well of a 96 well plate, a reaction mixture of 10 μ g hCXCR1-CHO overexpressing membranes (Biosignal) and 200 μ g/well WGA-SPA beads (Amersham) in 100 μ l was prepared in CXCR1 assay buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.8, 10 2 mM CaCl₂, 1mM MgCl₂, 125 mM NaCl, 0.1% BSA) (Sigma). A 0.4 nM stock of ligand, [¹²⁵I]-IL-8 (NEN) was prepared in the CXCR1 assay buffer. 20X stock solutions of test compounds were prepared in DMSO (Sigma). A 6 X stock solution of IL-8 (R&D) was prepared in CXCR2 assay buffer. The above solutions were added to a 96-well assay plate (PerkinElmer) as follows: 10 μ l test compound or DMSO, 40 μ l 15 CXCR1 assay buffer or IL-8 stock, 100 μ l of reaction mixture, 50 μ l of ligand stock (Final [Ligand] = 0.1 nM). The assay plates were shaken for 5 minutes on plate shaker, then incubated for 8 hours before cpm/well were determined in Microbeta Trilux counter (PerkinElmer). % Inhibition of Total binding-NSB (250 nM IL-8) was determined for IC₅₀ values.

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Alternative CXCR1 SPA AssayProtocol using CXCR1-expressing membranes from Biosignal Packard

For each 50 μ l reaction, a working stock of 0.25 μ g/ μ l hCXCR1-CHO over-expressing membranes with a specific activity of 0.05 pmol/mg (Biosignal Packard) and 25 μ g/ μ l WGA-SPA beads (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences) was prepared in CXCR1 assay buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.8, 0.1 mM CaCl₂, 1mM MgCl₂, 100 mM NaCl) (Sigma). This mixture was incubated on ice for 30 minutes and then centrifuged at 2500 rpm for 5 minutes. The beads and membranes were resuspended in CXCR1 assay buffer to the same concentrations as in the original mixture. A 0.125 nM stock 25 of ligand, [¹²⁵I]-IL-8 (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences), was prepared in the CXCR1 assay 30 buffer. Test compounds were first serially diluted by half-logs in DMSO (Sigma) and then diluted 20-fold in CXCR1 assay buffer. The above solutions were added to a

Corning NBS (non-binding surface) 96-well assay plate as follows: 20 μ l test compound or 5% DMSO (final [DMSO] = 2%), 20 μ l of membranes and SPA bead mixture (Final [membrane] = 5 μ g/reaction; Final [SPA bead] = 500 μ g/reaction), 10 μ l of ligand stock (Final [125 I]-IL-8] = 0.025 nM). The assay plates were incubated for 4 hours before cpm/well were determined in a Microbeta Trilux counter (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences). IC₅₀ values were quantified using nonlinear regression analysis in GraphPad Prism.

Alternative CXCR1 SPA Assay

Protocol using CXCR1-expressing membranes from Euroscreen

For each 50 μ l reaction, a working stock of 0.025 μ g/ μ l hCXCR1-CHO over-expressing membranes with a specific activity of 3.47 pmol/mg (Euroscreen) and 5 μ g/ μ l WGA-SPA beads (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences) was prepared in CXCR1 assay buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.8, 2.0 mM CaCl₂, 1mM MgCl₂, 125 mM NaCl) (Sigma). This mixture was incubated on ice for 5 minutes. A 0.125 nM stock of ligand, [125 I]-IL-8 (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences), was prepared in the CXCR1 assay buffer. Test compounds were first serially diluted by half-logs in DMSO (Sigma) and then diluted 13.3-fold in CXCR1 assay buffer. The above solutions were added to a Corning NBS (non-binding surface) 96-well assay plate as follows: 20 μ l test compound or 7.5% DMSO (final [DMSO] = 3%), 20 μ l of membranes and SPA bead mixture (Final [membrane] = 0.5 μ g/reaction; Final [SPA bead] = 100 μ g/reaction), 10 μ l of ligand stock (Final [125 I]-IL-8] = 0.025 nM). The assay plates were incubated for 4 hours before cpm/well were determined in a Microbeta Trilux counter (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences). IC₅₀ values were quantified using nonlinear regression analysis in GraphPad Prism.

For the CXCR1 assay, compounds of formula (I) had an IC₅₀ of <20 μ M

CXCR2 SPA Assay

For each well of a 96 well plate, a reaction mixture of 4 μ g hCXCR2-CHO overexpressing membranes (Biosignal) and 200 μ g/well WGA-SPA beads (Amersham) in 100 μ l was prepared in CXCR2 assay buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 2 mM CaCl₂, 1mM MgCl₂). A 0.4 nM stock of ligand, [125 I]-IL-8 (NEN), was prepared in the CXCR2 assay buffer. 20X stock solutions of test compounds were prepared in

DMSO (Sigma). A 6 X stock solution of GRO- α (R&D) was prepared in CXCR2 assay buffer. The above solutions were added to a 96-well assay plate (PerkinElmer or Corning) as follows: 10 μ l test compound or DMSO, 40 μ l CXCR2 assay buffer or GRO- α stock, 100 μ l of reaction mixture, 50 μ l of ligand stock (Final [Ligand] = 0.1 nM). When 40 X stock solutions of test compounds in DMSO were prepared, then the above protocol was used except instead 5 μ l test compound or DMSO and 45 μ l CXCR2 assay buffer were used. The assay plates were shaken for 5 minutes on a plate shaker, then incubated for 2-8 hours before cpm/well were determined in Microbeta Trilux counter (PerkinElmer). % Inhibition of total binding minus non-specific binding (250 nM Gro- α or 50 μ M antagonist) was determined and IC₅₀ values calculated. Compounds of formula (I) had an IC₅₀ of <5 μ M.

Alternative CXCR2 SPA Assay

Protocol using the CXCR2 50 μ l assay

For each 50 μ l reaction, a working stock of 0.031 μ g/ μ l hCXCR2-CHO over-expressing membranes with a specific activity of 0.4 pmol/mg (Biosignal Packard) and 2.5 μ g/ μ l WGA-SPA beads (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences) was prepared in CXCR2 assay buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 2.0 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂) (Sigma). This mixture was incubated on ice for 5 minutes. A 0.50 nM stock of ligand, [¹²⁵I]-IL-8 (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences), was prepared in the CXCR2 assay buffer. Test compounds were first serially diluted by half-logs in DMSO (Sigma) and then diluted 13.3-fold in CXCR2 assay buffer. The above solutions were added to a Corning NBS (non-binding surface) 96-well assay plate as follows: 20 μ l test compound or 7.5% DMSO (final [DMSO] = 3%), 20 μ l of membranes and SPA bead mixture (final [membrane] = 0.625 μ g/reaction; final [SPA bead] = 50 μ g/reaction), 10 μ l of ligand stock (final [¹²⁵I]-IL-8] = 0.10 nM). The assay plates were incubated for 2 hours before cpm/well were determined in a Microbeta Trilux counter (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences). IC₅₀ values were quantified using nonlinear regression analysis in GraphPad Prism.

Alternative CXCR2 SPA Assay

Protocol using the CXCR2 200 μ l assay

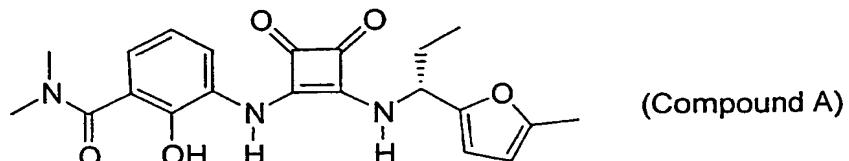
For each 200 μ l reaction, a working stock of 0.02 μ g/ μ l hCXCR2-CHO over-expressing membranes with a specific activity of 0.6 pmol/mg (Biosignal Packard) and

2 μ g/ μ l WGA-SPA beads (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences) was prepared in CXCR2 assay buffer (25 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 2.0 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂) (Sigma). This mixture was incubated on ice for 5 minutes. A 0.40 nM stock of ligand, [¹²⁵I]-IL-8 (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences), was prepared in the CXCR2 assay buffer. Test compounds 5 were first serially diluted by half-logs in DMSO (Sigma) and then diluted 20-fold in CXCR2 assay buffer. The above solutions were added to a Corning NBS (non-binding surface) 96-well assay plate as follows: 50 μ l test compound or 10% DMSO (final [DMSO] = 2.5%), 100 μ l of membranes and SPA bead mixture (final [membrane] = 2 μ g/reaction; final [SPA bead] = 200 μ g/reaction), 50 μ l of ligand stock (final [¹²⁵I]-IL-10 8] = 0.10 nM). The assay plates were incubated for 2 hours before cpm/well were determined in a Microbeta Trilux counter (Perkin Elmer Life Sciences). IC₅₀ values were quantified using nonlinear regression analysis in GraphPad Prism.

For the CXCR2 assay, compounds of formula (I) had a K_i < 20 μ M.

15 Carrageenan-induced rat paw edema model

Carrageenan (0.05 ml of an 1 % solution in saline) was injected into one hindpaw of male Sprague-Dawley rats. Paw volumes (ml) were measured by a water displacement plethysmometer prior to and 3 h after the injection of carrageenan. The increase in paw volume that occurred between the two timepoints was determined for 20 each group. Rats received Compound A:



Combination studies were performed with Compound A and the following standard anti-inflammatory agents – the non-selective anti-inflammatory drug indomethacin, and the steroid betamethasone. The combination of suboptimal doses of compound A at 1 mg/kg (20% inhibition) and indomethacin at 0.5 mg/kg (0% inhibition) caused a significant 41% reduction of paw edema, suggesting that this combination results in greater efficacy than either agent alone. This combination did not cause a further reduction in MPO activity in the hindpaw compared to compound A alone (Compound A = 67% inhibition; indomethacin = -58% inhibition; combination = 55% inhibition). The combination of suboptimal doses of Compound A at 1 mg/kg and betamethasone at 0.05 mg/kg (32% inhibition) also demonstrated greater efficacy in inhibiting edema (61% inhibition). An additive inhibition of paw PGE₂ levels was also observed (31% inhibition by either betamethasone or Compound A alone, versus 78% inhibition with the combination).

15 Streptococcal cell wall-induced mouse knee swelling model

The method described by Lubberts et al, 1998 was used for these studies, with some modifications. Female 8-12 week old C57BL/6J animals were fasted overnight and dosed orally with Compound A, indomethacin, or a combination of these agents suspended in methylcellulose one hour prior to a single intra-articular injection of 6 μ l containing 25 μ g of bacterial SCW (4.32 mg/ml rhamnose; Lee Laboratories, Grayson, GA) in saline into the right knee joint. The left knee joint received an injection of 6 μ l of saline at the same time. In other experiments, a neutralizing rat anti-mouse TNF α antibody or matched rat IgG isotype control was administered intraperitoneally two hours prior to SCW injection and Compound A or methylcellulose vehicle was orally administered one hour prior to SCW injection. Knee swelling measurements were performed 2 hours after SCW injection using a dial-gauge caliper (Starret, Athol, MA) by measuring the difference in swelling between the right and left knee joints. Patellar organ cultures for assessment of synovial cytokine and chemokine and prostaglandin levels were prepared at 2 hours after SCW injection and established as described (Lubberts et al, 1998), using ELISA kits obtained from R&D Systems (Minneapolis, MN). Statistical analysis was performed using the Student's t-test, with $p < 0.05$ considered to be indicative of statistical significant differences between groups.

Combination therapy with Compound A (10 mg/kg = 46% inhibition; 25 mg/kg = 70% inhibition) and indomethacin (2 mg/kg = 42% inhibition) resulted in significantly greater reduction of knee swelling compared to either agent alone in all instances. Thus, the combination of Compound A at 10 mg/kg with indomethacin resulted in a 5 74% inhibition of the response, while Compound A at 25 mg/kg in combination with indomethacin led to a 93% inhibition of the swelling response. Compound A administered alone significantly inhibited IL-1 β production by ex vivo patellar organ culture (49% inhibition at 10 mg/kg; 64% inhibition at 25 mg/kg) while indomethacin treatment resulted in a 11% inhibition. Combination treatment resulted in a 71% (10 mg/kg Compound A + indomethacin) and 57% inhibition (25 mg/kg Compound A + indomethacin) of IL-1 β production, consistent with the concept that the effect on IL-1 β was attributable to the pharmacological action of Compound A. In comparison, the 10 effect of combination therapy on PGE₂ levels (86% and 85% inhibition, respectively) in patellar organ culture was accounted for by the activity of indomethacin alone (89% 15 inhibition) while Compound A alone had mild activity (34-40% inhibition at 10-25 mg/kg).

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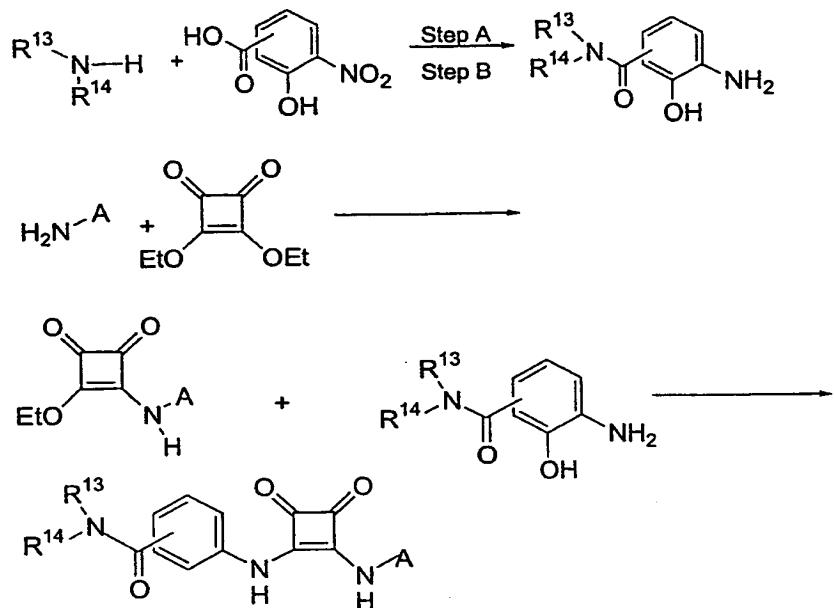
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Compounds of formula (I) may be produced by processes known to those 30 skilled in the art, in the following reaction schemes, and in the preparations and examples below. Specific procedures for the preparation of many of the compounds of formula (I) may be found in WO 02/076926 published October 3, 2002, and WO 02/083624 published October 24, 2002.

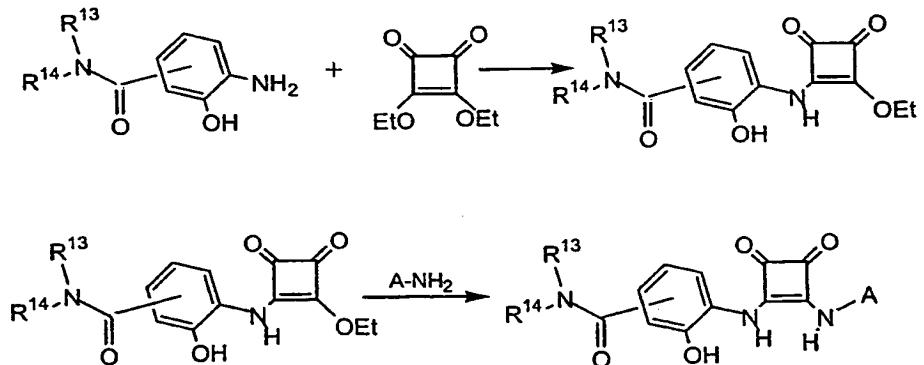
A general procedure for the preparation of compounds of formula (I) is as follows:

Scheme 1



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Scheme 2



Scheme 1

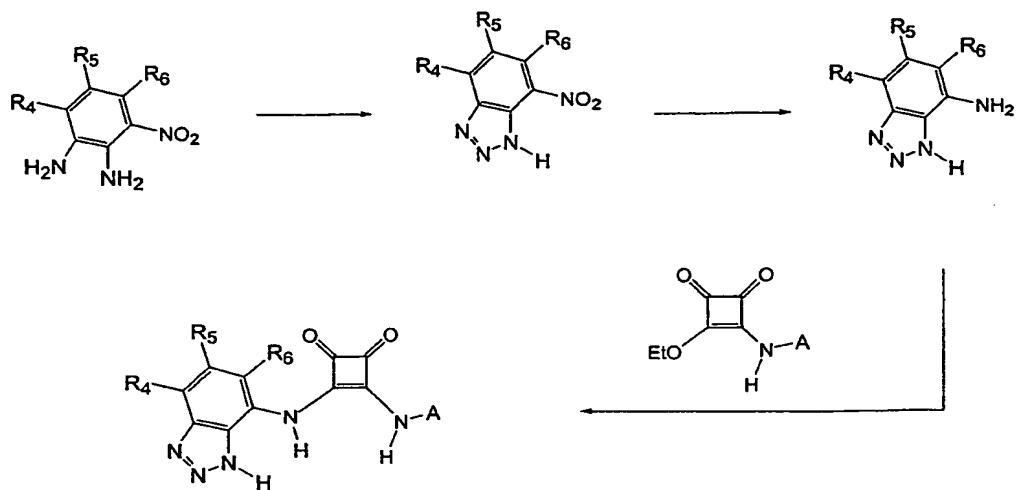
10 An amine is condensed (Step A) with a nitrosalicylic acid under standard coupling conditions and the resulting nitrobenzamide is reduced (Step B) under hydrogen atmosphere in the presence of a suitable catalyst. The remaining partner required for the synthesis of the final target is prepared by condensing an aryl amine with the commercially available diethoxysuccinate to give the aminoethoxysuccinate

product. Subsequent condensation of this intermediate with the aminobenzamide prepared earlier provides the desired chemokine antagonist (Scheme 1).

Scheme 2

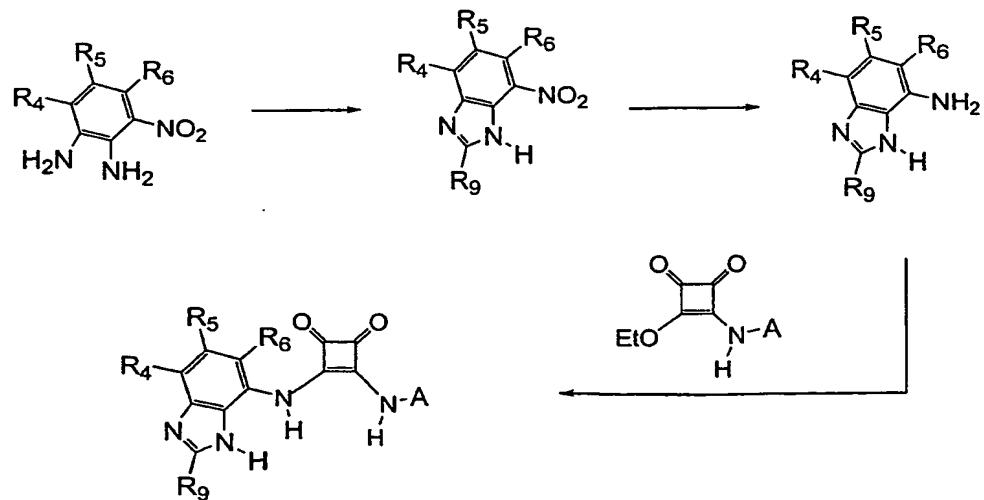
Alternatively, the aminobenzamide of Scheme 1 is first condensed with commercially available diethylsquarate to give an alternate monoethoxy intermediate. Condensation of this intermediate with an amine gives the desired chemokine antagonist.

Scheme 3



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Scheme 4

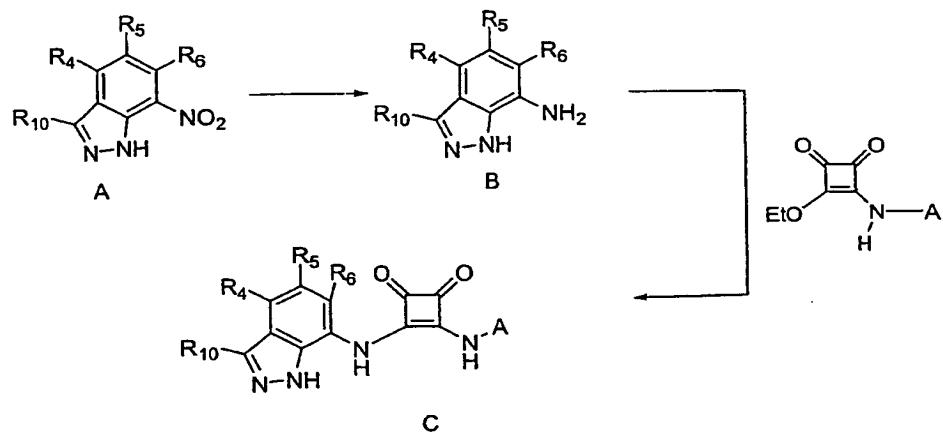


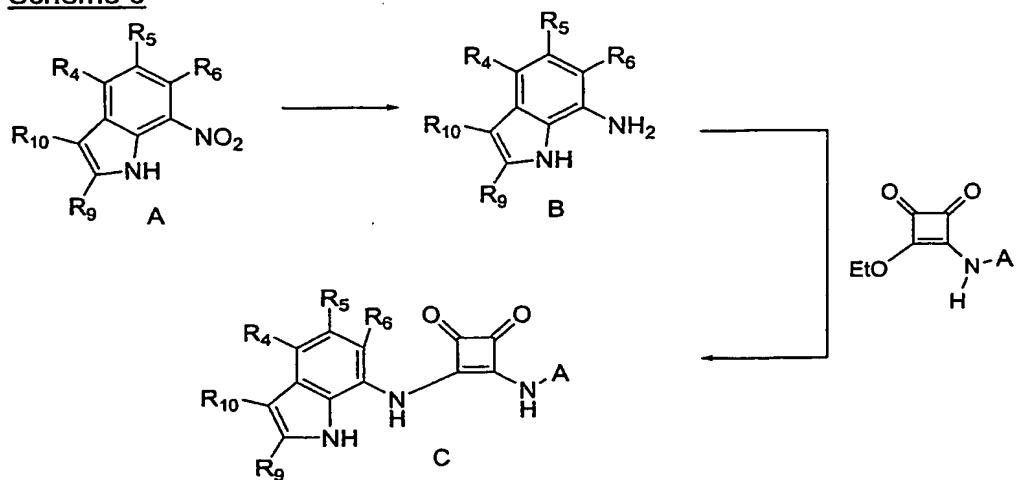
Scheme 3

Benztriazole compounds of Formula (I) are prepared by stirring nitrophenylenediamines with sodium nitrite in acetic acid at 60°C to afford the nitrobenzotriazole intermediate (Scheme 3). Reduction of the nitro group in the presence of palladium catalyst and hydrogen atmosphere provides the amine compound. Subsequent condensation of this intermediate with the aminooethoxysquare prepared earlier (Scheme 1) provides the desired chemokine antagonist.

Scheme 4

Condensation of nitrophenylenediamines with anhydrides or activated acids at reflux (Scheme 4) affords benzimidazole intermediates which after reduction with hydrogen gas and palladium catalyst and condensation with the aminooethoxysquare prepared earlier (Scheme 1) affords benzimidazole chemokine antagonists.

Scheme 5

Scheme 65 Scheme 5

Indazole structures of Formula (I) can be prepared according to Scheme 5 by reduction of nitroindazole A (*J. Am. Chem Soc.* 1943, 65, 1804-1805) to give aminoindazole B and subsequent condensation with the aminoethoxysquarene prepared earlier (Scheme 1).

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Scheme 6

Indole structures of Formula (I) can be prepared according to Scheme 6 by reduction of nitroindole A (*J. Med. Chem.* 1995, 38, 1942-1954) to give aminoindole B and subsequent condensation with the aminoethoxysquarene prepared earlier (Scheme 1).

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The invention disclosed herein is exemplified by the following preparations and examples which should not be construed to limit the scope of the disclosure.

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Alternative mechanistic pathways and analogous structures may be apparent to those skilled in the art.

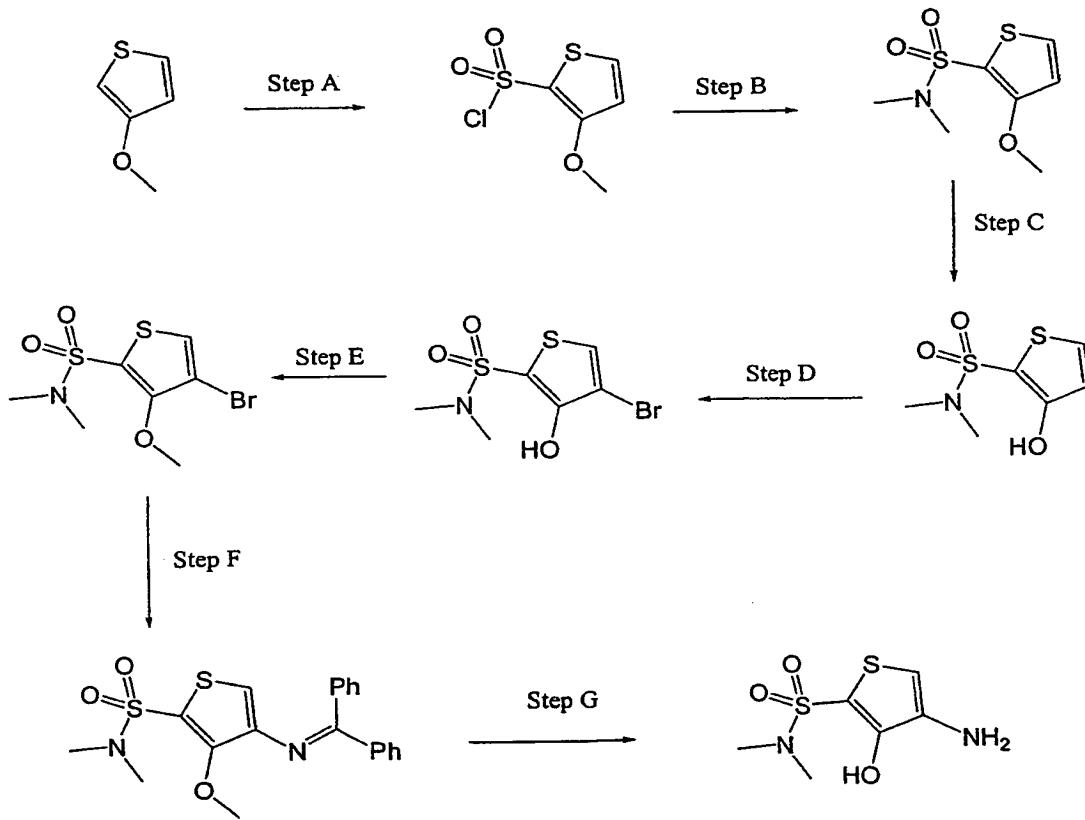
PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 13.17A-13.17B

Following the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.13 in WO 02/083624, but using the prepared or commercially available aldehydes, the optically pure amine products in the Table below were obtained.

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Prep Ex.	Aldehyde	Amine	Product	Yield (%)
13.17A	34.8			38
13.17B				31

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.29



Step A

5 To a solution of 3-methoxythiophene (3 g) in dichloromethane (175 mL) at -78°C was added chlorosulfonic acid (8.5 mL) dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at -78°C and 1.5 h at room temp. Afterwards, the mixture was poured carefully into crushed ice, and extracted with dichloromethane. The extracts were

washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered through a 1-in silica gel pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to give the desired compound (4.2 g).

Step B

5 The product from Step A above (4.5 g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (140 mL) and added with triethylamine (8.8 mL) followed by diethyl amine in THF (2M, 21 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was washed with brine and saturated bicarbonate (aq) and brine again, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered through a 1-in silica gel pad. The filtrate was concentrated in 10 vacuo to give the desired compound (4.4 g).

Step C

15 The product from Step B above (4.3 g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (125 mL) and cooled in a -78°C bath. A solution of boron tribromide (1.0 M in dichloromethane, 24.3 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for 4 h while the 20 temperature was increased slowly from -78°C to 10°C. H₂O was added, the two layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloro- methane. The combined organic layer and extracts were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give 3.96 g of the desired hydroxy-compound.

Step D

25 The product from step C above (3.96 g) was dissolved in 125 mL of dichloromethane, and added with potassium carbonate (6.6 g) followed by bromine (2 mL). The mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature, quenched with 100 mL of H₂O. The aqueous mixture was addjusted to pH ~ 5 using a 0.5N hydrogen chloride aqueous solution, and extracted with dichloromethane. The extracts were washed with a 10 % Na₂S₂O₃ aqueous solution and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and 30 filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford 4.2 g of the desired bromo-compound.

Step E

The product from Step D (4.2 g) was dissolved in 100 mL of acetone and added with potassium carbonate (10 g) followed by iodomethane (9 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux and continued for 3.5 h. After cooled to room temperature, the 5 mixture was filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with dichloromethane-hexanes (1:1, v/v) to give 2.7 g of the desired product.

Step F

10 The product from step E (2.7 g) was converted to the desired imine compound (3 g), following the similar procedure to that of Preparative Example 13.19 step D.

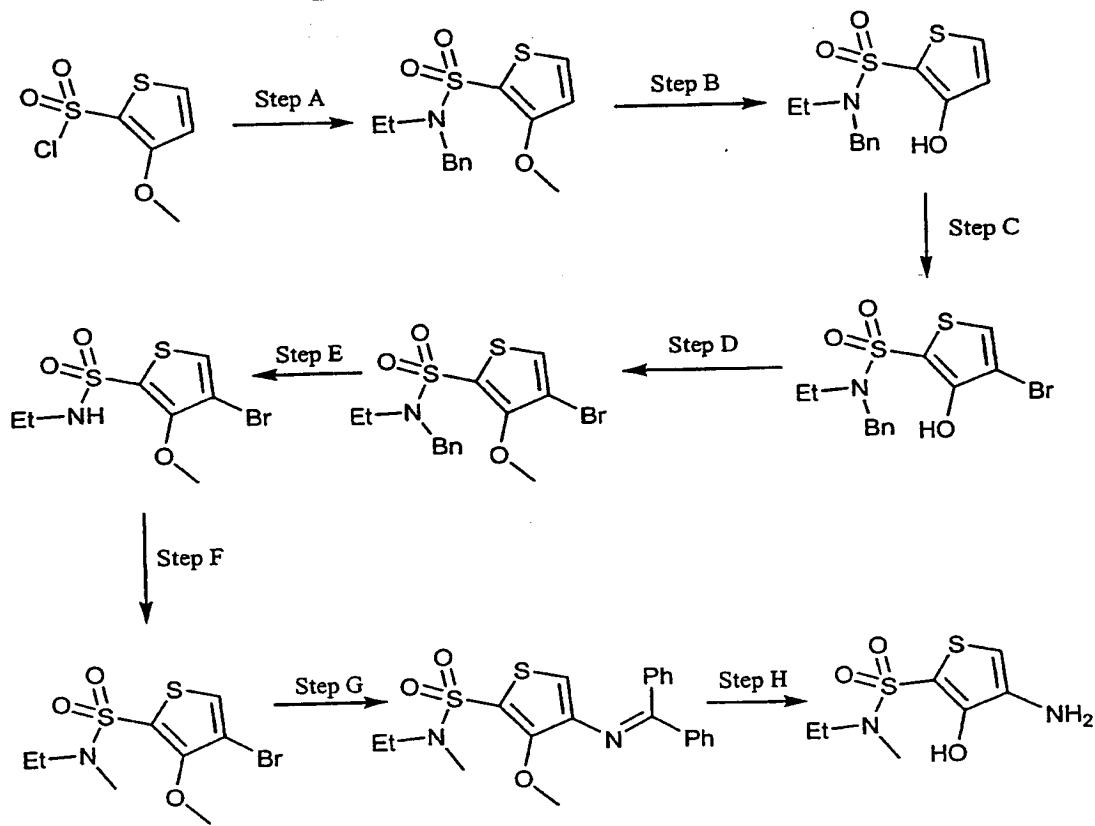
Step G

15 The imine product from step F (3 g) was dissolved in 80 mL of dichloromethane, and cooled in a -78°C bath. A solution of boron tribromide (1.0 M in dichloromethane, 9.2 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 4.25 h from -78°C to 5°C. H₂O (50 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer and extracts were combined, washed with brine, and concentrated to an oily residue. The residue was dissolved in 20 80 mL of methanol, stirred with sodium acetate (1.5 g) and hydroxyamine hydrochloride (0.95 g) at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was poured into an aqueous mixture of sodium hydroxide (1.0 M aq, 50 mL) and ether (100 mL). The two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ether three times. The combined ether washings were re-extracted with H₂O once. The aqueous layers were 25 combined, washed once with dichloromethane, adjusted to pH ~ 6 using 3.0 M and 0.5 M hydrogen chloride aqueous solutions, and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo to give 1.2 g of desired amine compound.

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 13.30-13.32-A

30 Following the procedures set forth in Example 13.29, but using commercially available amines, hydroxy-amino-thiophene products in the Table below were obtained.

Prep Ex.	Amine	Product	Yield MH^+
13.30	$(\text{Bn})_2\text{NH}$		10% 375.1
13.31	$\text{Me}(\text{Bn})\text{NH}$		14% 299.0
13.32	$\text{Et}(\text{Bn})\text{NH}$		22%
13.32A	$(\text{Et})_2\text{NH}$		25%

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.33Step A

2-Chlorosulfonyl-3-methoxy-thiophene (4.0 g, 18.8 mmol), the product from

5 Step A of Preparative Example 13.29 was converted to 3-methoxy-2-ethylbenzylsulfonyl-thiophene (5.5 g, 94%, $MH^+ = 312.1$) by using ethylbenzyl-amine, following the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step B.

Step B

10 The product from Step A above (5.5 g, 17.70 mmol) was demethylated following the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step C. The alcohol product was obtained in 4.55 g (87%, $MH^+ = 298.0$).

Step C

The product from Step B above (4.55 g, 15.30 mmol) was brominated using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step D. The corresponding bromide was obtained in 4.85 g (84%).

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Step D

The bromo-alcohol from Step C above (4.84 g, 12.86 mmol) was methylated using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step E. The product was obtained in 4.82 g (96%).

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Step E

The product from Step D above (4.82 g, 12.36 mmol) was stirred with concentrated sulfuric acid (5 mL) at room temperature to 3 h. Ice water (30 mL) was added to the mixture followed by CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL). The aqueous mixture was adjusted to pH ~ 6 using a 1.0 M NaOH aqueous solution. The layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to a dark brown oil, which was purified by flash column chromatography, eluting with CH_2Cl_2 -hexanes (1:1, v/v). Removal of solvents afforded 3.03 g (82%) of the debenzylated product ($M^+ = 300.0$, $M+2 = 302.0$).

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Step F

The product from Step E (1.34 g, 4.45 mmol) was methylated using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step E. The desired product was obtained in 1.36 g (97%, $M^+ = 314.1$, $M+2 = 316.0$).

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Step G

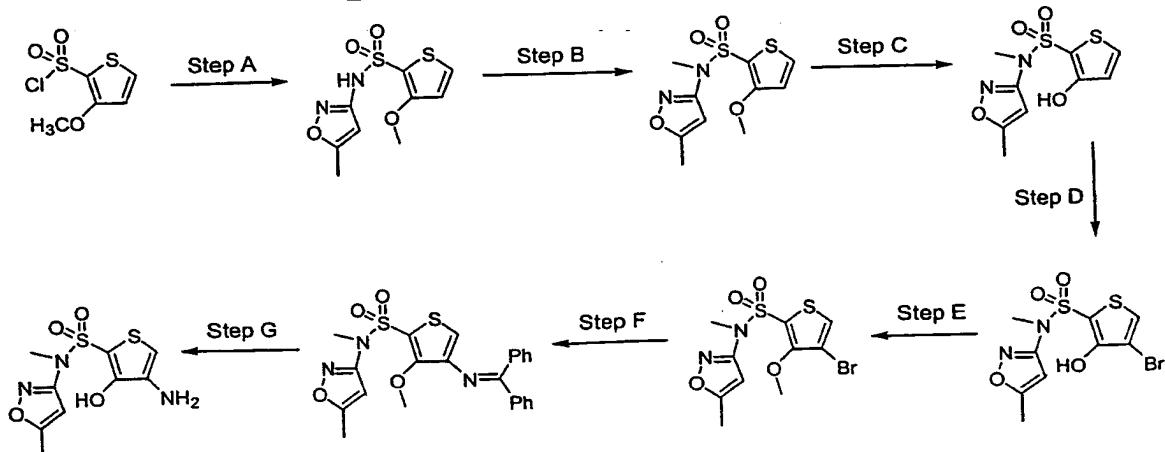
The product from Step F (1.36 g, 4.33 mmol) was converted to imine product (1.06 g, 55%, $MH^+ = 415.1$) using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step F.

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Step H

The imine product from Step G (1.06 g, 2.56 mmol) was converted to the desired hydroxy-amino thiophene compound (0.26 g, 43%) using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step G.

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PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.34Step A

10 2-Chlorosulfonyl-3-methoxy-thiophene (3.8 g, 17.87 mmol), the product from step A of Preparative Example 13. 29, was dissolved in 100 mL of CH_2Cl_2 and 20 mL of pyridine. 3-Amino-5-methyl-isoxazole (3.5 g, 35.68 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 20 h at room temperature, diluted with 100 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , and washed with a 0.5 N HCl aqueous solution (50 mL x 2), H_2O (50 mL), and brine (50 mL). The organic solution was dried with Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo to a brown oil. This oil was dissolved in 100 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , washed again with a 0.5 M HCl aqueous solution (30 mL x 3) and brine. After dried over Na_2SO_4 , the organic solution was concentrated in vacuo to a yellow solid, 4.48 g (91%, $\text{MH}^+ = 275.0$) of the desired product.

Step B

20 The product from Step A above (4.48 g, 16.33 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (100 mL), added with potassium carbonate (5.63 g, 40.80 mmol) and iodomethane (10.1 mL, 163.84 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h, diluted with 100 mL of hexanes and 50 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , and filtered through a 1-in silica

gel pad, rinsing with CH_2Cl_2 . The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give 4.23 g (90%, $\text{MH}^+ = 289.0$) of the desired product as a light yellow solid.

Step C

5 To a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (130 mg, 95%, 5.4 mmol) in 8 mL of *N, N*'-dimethylformamide at room temperature was added ethanethiol (0.45 mL, 6.0 mmol) dropwise. After 5 min, the mixture became a clear solution, and was added to a stirred solution of the product obtained from Step B above (0.45 g, 1.56 mmol) in 2 mL of *N, N*'-dimethylformamide in a round bottom flask. The flask was sealed with a ground glass stopper, and the mixture was heated at 90-95°C for 4 h.

10 After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was poured into 20 mL of a 1.0 M NaOH aqueous solution, further rinsed with 20 mL of H_2O . The aqueous mixture was washed with diethyl ether (30 mL x 2), adjusted to $\text{PH} \sim 5$ using a 0.5 M HCl aqueous solution, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL x4). The combined extracts were washed

15 with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to a dark yellow solution. This was dissolved in 50 mL of ethyl acetate, washed with H_2O (30 mL x2) and brine (30 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 . Evaporation of solvent gave 0.422 g of the alcohol product (99%, $\text{MH}^+ = 275.0$).

Step D

The alcohol obtained from Step C above (0.467 g, 1.70 mmol) was brominated using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step D, to afford the 5 corresponding bromide in 0.607 g (100%).

Step E

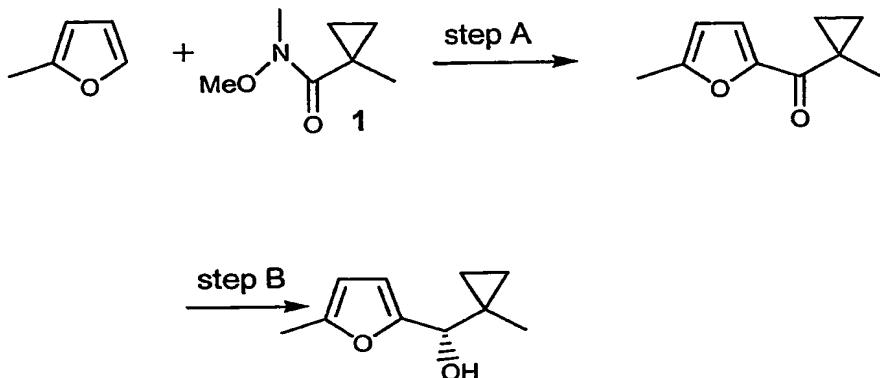
The bromide obtained from Step D above (0.607 g, 1.72 mmol) was methylated using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.29, Step E, to give the 10 desired product in 0.408 g (65%, $M^+ = 367$, $M+2 = 369.1$).

Step F

The product (0.405 g, 1.103 mmol) from Step E above was converted to the imine compound (0.29 g, 56%) using the procedure set forth in Preparative Example 15 13.29, Step F.

Step G

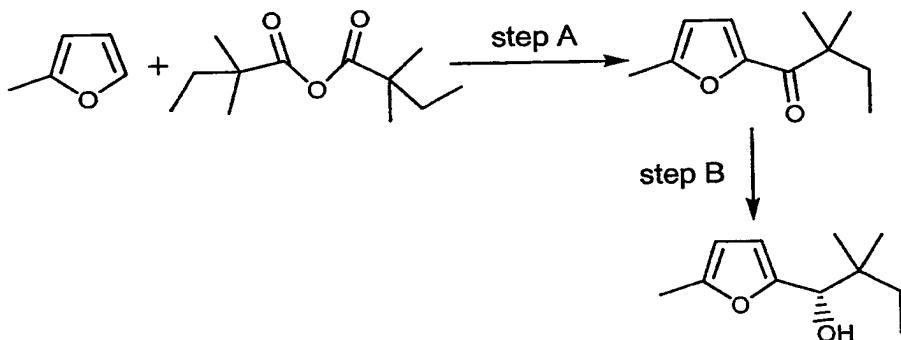
The imine product obtained from Step F above (0.29 g, 0.61 mmol) was demethylated using the procedure set forth in Step C above to give the corresponding 20 alcohol as a dark yellow oil, which was dissolved in 5 mL methanol and added with sodium acetate (0.12 g, 1.46 mmol) and hydroxyamine hydrochloride (0.075 g, 1.08 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, and poured into 10 mL of 1.0 M NaOH aqueous solution. 30 mL of H₂O was used as rinsing and combined to the aqueous layer. The aqueous mixture was washed with diethyl ether 25 (40 mL x 3), adjusted to pH ~ 6 using a 1.0 M HCl aqueous solution, and extracted with ethyl acetate (40 mL x 3). The organic extracts were washed with H₂O (20 mL x2), brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo to give 0.112 g of the desired hydroxy-amino thiophene sulfonamide (64%, $MH^+ = 290$).

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.35Step A

5 To a solution of 2-methyl furan (1.72g) in ether was added BuLi (8.38mL) at
 -78^0C and stirred at room temperature for half an hour. The reaction mixture again
10 cooled to -78^0C and quenched with cyclopropyl amide 1 and stirred for two hours at
 -78^0C and slowly warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture stirred for three
hours at room temperature and quenched with the addition of saturated ammonium
chloride solution. The mixture was taken to a separatory funnel, washed with water,
brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Filtration and removal of solvent
afforded the crude ketone, which was purified by using column chromatography to
afford the ketone 3.0g (87%) as a pale yellow oil.

Step B

To a solution of ketone (1.0g) in THF (5.0mL) at 0°C was added R-methyl oxazaborolidine (1.2mL, 1M in toluene) dropwise followed by addition of a solution of borane complexed with dimethyl sulfide (1.85mL, 2M in THF). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30minutes at 0°C and than at room temperature for one hour. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and MeOH was added carefully. The mixture was stirred for 20 minutes and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with ether, washed with water, 1M HCl (10mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (10.0mL) water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and removal of solvent afforded the crude alcohol which was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the pure alcohol 0.91g (91%) as yellow oil.

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.36

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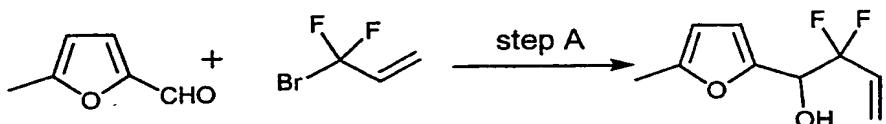
Step A

An equimolar mixture of 2-methylfuran (1.0g) and anhydride (2.6g) was mixed with SnCl_4 (0.05mL) and heated at 100°C for 3 hours. After cooling the reaction mixture, water (10mL) was added, followed by saturated sodium carbonate solution until it becomes alkaline. The reaction mixture was extracted with ether several times and the combined ether layer was washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Filtration and removal of solvent afforded the crude ketone, which was purified by using silica gel chromatography to afford the ketone 0.9g (43%) as a yellow oil.

Step B

The step B alcohol was obtained following a similar procedure set forth in the preparative example 13.35 Step B.

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PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.37Step A

To a solution of 5-methyl furan-2-aldehyde (1.0g) and 3-bromo-3,3-difluoropropene (2.24g) in DMF (30mL) was added indium powder (1.66g) and lithium iodide (50.0mg). The reaction mixture was stirred over night, diluted with water and extracted with ether. The ether layer was washed with water, brine and purified by silicagel chromatography to afford the pure alcohol 2.8g (92%).

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 13.38-13.45

15 Following a similar procedure set forth in Preparative Examples 13.25 and 13.35, and using the indicated Furan and Electrophile, the following Alcohols in the Table below were prepared.

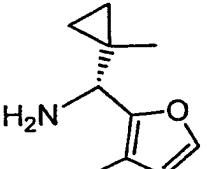
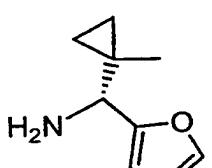
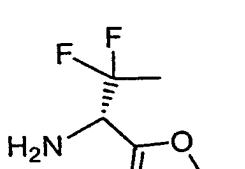
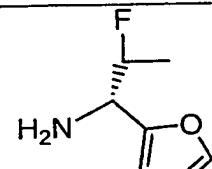
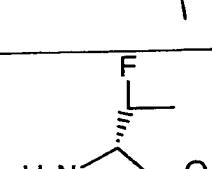
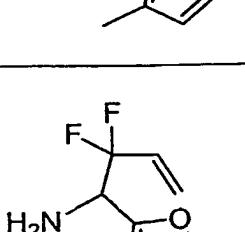
Prep. Ex	Furan	Electrophile	Alcohol	Yield
13.38				86%
13.39				69%

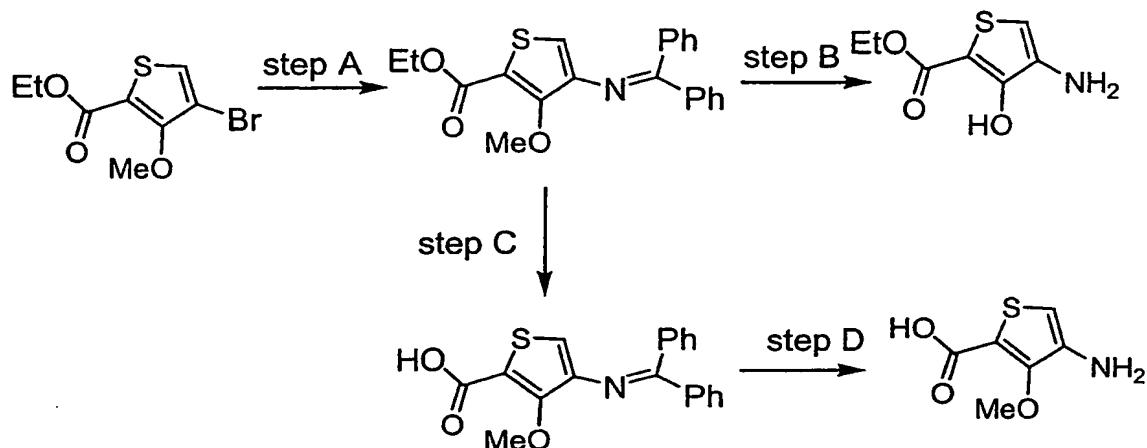
13.40				84%
13.41				82%
13.42				60%
13.43				65%
13.44				82%
13.45				89%

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 13.50-13.61

Following a similar procedure set forth in WO 02/083624, Preparative Example 13.25, and using the indicated Alcohol, the Amines in the Table below were prepared.

PREP. EX.	ALCOHOL	AMINE	YIELD
13.50	13.45		28%
13.51	13.38		58%
13.52	13.36		69%
13.53	13.35		81%
13.54	13.37		82%
13.55	13.39		45%

13.56	13.41		57%
13.57	13.40		58%
13.58	13.44		54%
13.59	13.42		53%
13.60	13.43		50%
13.61	13.37		82%

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.70Step A

The imine was prepared following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624

5 Preparative Example 13.19 from the known bromoester (1.0g) as a yellow solid, Step A to yield 1.1g (79%).

Step B

10 The Step A product (0.6g) was reacted following the procedure set forth in the preparative example 13.19 to give the amine product 0.19g (64%).

Step C

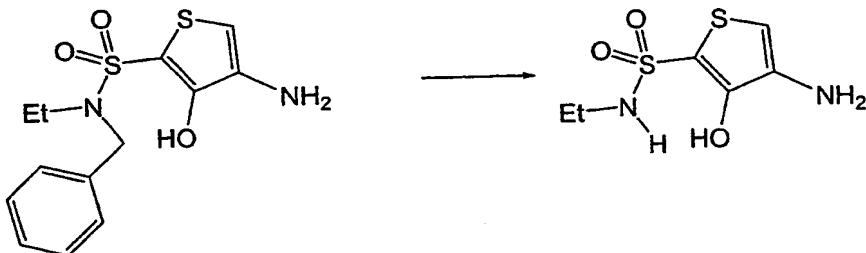
The Step B product (1.0g) was reacted following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 to give the acid as yellow solid 0.9g (94%).

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Step D

The Step C product (0.35g) was reacted following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 to give the amino acid as yellow solid 0.167g (93%).

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PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 13.71

Following a similar procedure set forth in Preparative Example 13.33 Step E, but using the product from WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.32, the title compound was obtained (121 mg, 69% yield, $MH^+ = 223.0$).

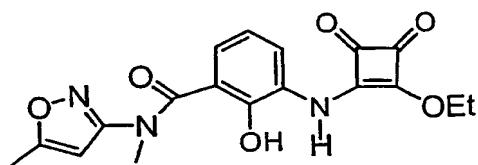
PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 23.15A – 23.15E

Following the procedures set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 19.2 but using the amines from the Preparative Example indicated in the Table below, the corresponding cyclobutenedione intermediates were prepared.

Prep Ex.	Amine from Prep Ex.	Product	1. Yield 2. MH^+
23.15F	13.32A		1. 68% 2. 375.1

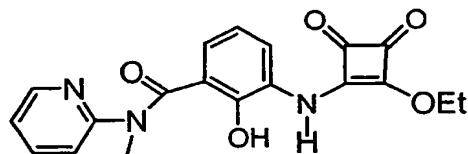
PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 24

Following the procedures set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.23 (but instead using 5-bromo-6-methoxybenzoic acid in Step A) and in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 23.14, the corresponding cyclobutenedione intermediate could be prepared.

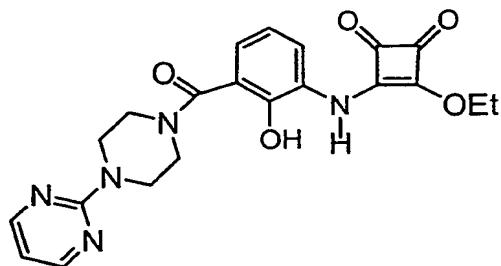


PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 25

Following the procedures set forth in Preparative Example 13.24 (but instead using 2-aminopyridine) and in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 23.14, the 5 corresponding cyclobutenedione intermediate could be prepared.

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 26

10 Following the procedures set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 23.14 (but instead the title compound from WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 135), the corresponding cyclobutenedione intermediate could be prepared.

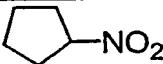
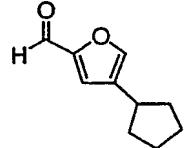
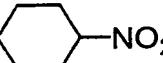
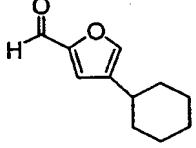


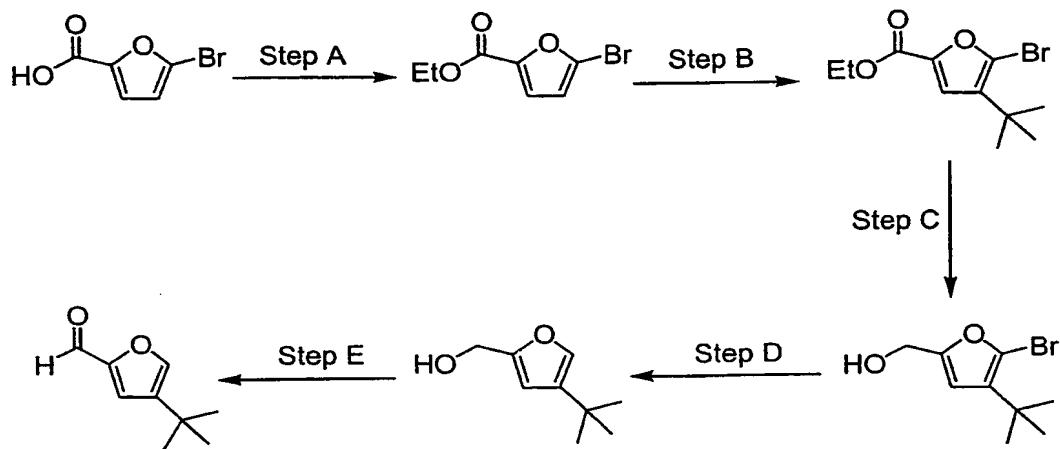
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PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 34.15-34.16

Following the procedures set forth in Preparative Example 34.8 in WO 02/083624 but using the nitroalkanes indicated in the table below, the aldehydes were prepared.

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PREP. Ex.	NITROALKANE	ALDEHYDE	YIELD (%)
34.15			17
34.16			21

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 34.175 Step A

To a stirred suspension of 5-bromo-2-furoic acid (15.0 g, 78.54 mmol) in 225 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature was added oxalyl chloride followed by a catalytic amount of *N,N'*-dimethylformamide. After 1 h, ethanol (20 mL) was added followed by triethylamine (22 mL). Reaction was continued for 15 h. The mixture was

10 concentrated under reduced pressure to a residue, which was extracted with excess volume of hexanes, and hexanes- CH_2Cl_2 (3:1, v/v). The extracts were filtered, the filtrate was concentrated to a yellow oil, dried on high vacuum, yielding 17.2 g (93%) of the desired ester.

Step B

The ester product obtained from Step A above (17.2 g, 73.18 mmol) was converted to 2-ethyl-4-tertbutyl-5-bromo-furoate (7.9 g, 37%) using the literature procedure: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1939, 61, 473-478 (the disclosure of which is 5 incorporated herein by reference thereto).

Step C

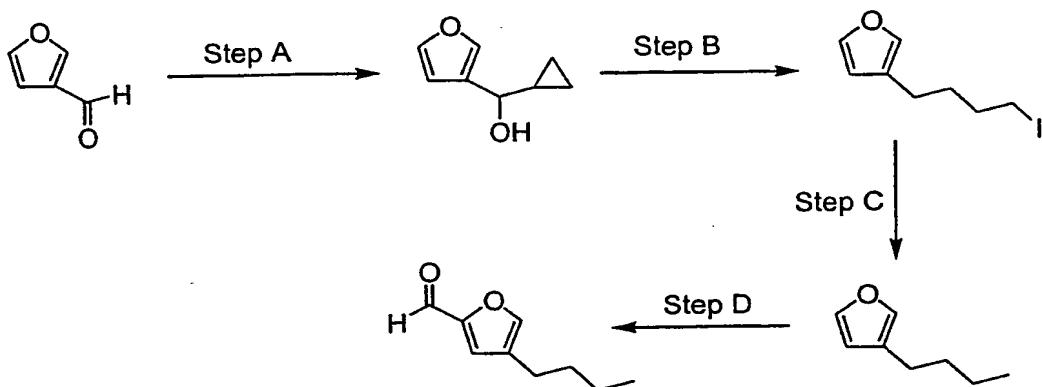
The ester product obtained from Step B above (7.9 g, 27.13 mol) was reduced to the alcohol (6.32 g) using the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative 10 Example 34.8, Step C.

Step D

The product obtained from Step C above (6.32 g) was dissolved in 140 mL of THF and cooled in a -78°C bath. A 2.5 M solution of n-butyllithium in hexanes (22 15 mL, 55.0 mmol) was added dropwise along the side wall of the flask. After 15 min, H₂O (~70 mL) was added. Cooling bath was removed, the mixture was stirred for an additional 1h. Brine (50 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL) were added, the two layers were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), and the combined 20 organic layers were dried by Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of solvents afforded 5.33 g (crude) of the debrominated product as a reddish brown oil.

Step E

The alcohol product obtained from Step D above (5.33g) was oxidized to the corresponding aldehyde (3.06 g, 74% over three steps) using the procedure set forth 25 in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 34.8, Step D.

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 34.18Step A

To a stirred solution of cyclopropyl bromide (4.0 mL, 50 mmol) in 120 mL of ether at -78°C was added dropwise a 1.7M solution of t-butyllithium in pentane (44.5 mL, 75.7 mmol). After 10 min, cooling bath was removed, stirring was continued for 1.5 h. The mixture was cooled again in a -78°C bath, and 3-furaldehyde (3.5 mL, 41.9 mmol) was added. Reaction was continued for 1 h, and quenched with a saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution. The aqueous mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL x 3). The organic extracts were washed with brine, dried by Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give 5.3 g (91%) of the alcohol product as a yellow oil.

Step B

Chloro trimethylsilane (27.2 mL, 214.2 mmol) was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred suspension of sodium iodide (32 g, 213.5 mmol) in 100 mL of acetonitrile. After 5 min, a solution of the alcohol obtained from Step A above (4.93 g, 35.68 mmol) in 100 mL of acetonitrile was added dropwise. Stirring was continued for 5 min. H_2O (100 mL) was added, the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (100 mL x 2). The organic layers were combined, washed with a 10 % $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ aqueous solution and brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Evaporation of solvents gave a dark brown oil, which was filtered through a 5-in silica gel column, eluting with CH_2Cl_2 -hexanes (1:3.5, v/v). Removal of solvents afforded 4.22 g (47%) of the iodo product as a light yellow oil.

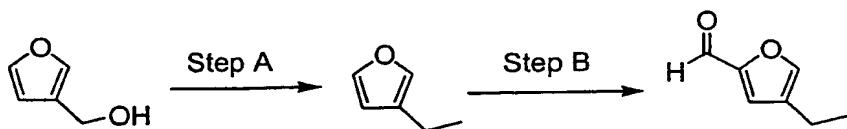
Step C

The iodo-product obtained from Step B above (2.2 g, 8.8 mmol) was dissolved in 60 mL of ether, and stirred in a -78°C bath. A 1.7 M solution of t-butyllithium in pentane (10.4 mL, 17.7 mmol) was added dropwise. After 20 min, cooling bath was removed. Reaction was continued for 2.5 h, and quenched with H₂O (20 mL). The aqueous mixture was stirred overnight and separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried by Na₂SO₄, and filtered through a Celite pad. Removal of solvent gave 1.10 g (100%) of 3-butylfuran as a reddish-yellow oil.

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Step D

3-Butylfuran (1.1 g, 8.8 mmol), obtained from Step C above, was dissolved in 60 mL of ether, and stirred in a -78°C bath. A 1.7 M solution of t-butyllithium in pentane (6.0 mL, 10.2 mmol) was added dropwise along the side wall of the flask. The mixture was stirred for 3 h from -78°C to 0°C, and continued for 1 h at room temperature. A solution of *N,N'*-dimethylformamide (1.1 mL, 14.23 mmol) was added. Reaction was continued overnight, and quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution. The two layers were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL x 2). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to an oil, which was purified by preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂-hexanes = 1 :1.5, v/v) to give 0.48 g (36%) of the aldehyde (contaminated by some 3-butyl-2-furaldehyde).

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 34.19Step A

3-Ethylfuran was prepared from 3-hydroxymethylfuran according to literature procedure: *J. Org. Chem.*, 1983, 48, 1106-1107 (the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference thereto).

Step B

3-Ethylfuran obtained from Step A above was converted to 4-ethyl-2-furaldehyde using the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 34.18, Step D.

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PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 65-75.10J

Following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 64 but using the aldehydes, amino alcohols, and organolithium reagents in the Table below (prepared according to the Preparative Examples indicated from WO 02/083624), the optically pure amine products in the Table below were obtained.

Prep Ex.	Aldehyde	Amino Alcohol	Organolithium	Product	1. Yield (%) 2. MH^+
75.10 A	(34.7) 				1. 61 2. 135 $[M-NH_2]^+$
75.10 B	(34.19) 		EtLi		1. 24 2. 154
75.10 C	(34.18) 		EtLi		1. 32 2. 165 $[M-NH_2]^+$

75.10 D	(34.8)		MeLi		1. 47 2. 137 [M-NH ₂] ⁺
75.10 E	(34.8)		iPrLi		1. 30 2. 165 [M-NH ₂] ⁺
75.10 F	(34.8)		Li		1. 67 2. 163.0 [M-NH ₂] ⁺
75.10 G	(34.17)		EtLi		1. 24 2. 165 [M-NH ₂] ⁺
75.10 H	(34.15)		EtLi		1. 70 2. 194
75.10 J	(34.16)		EtLi		1. 54 2. 208

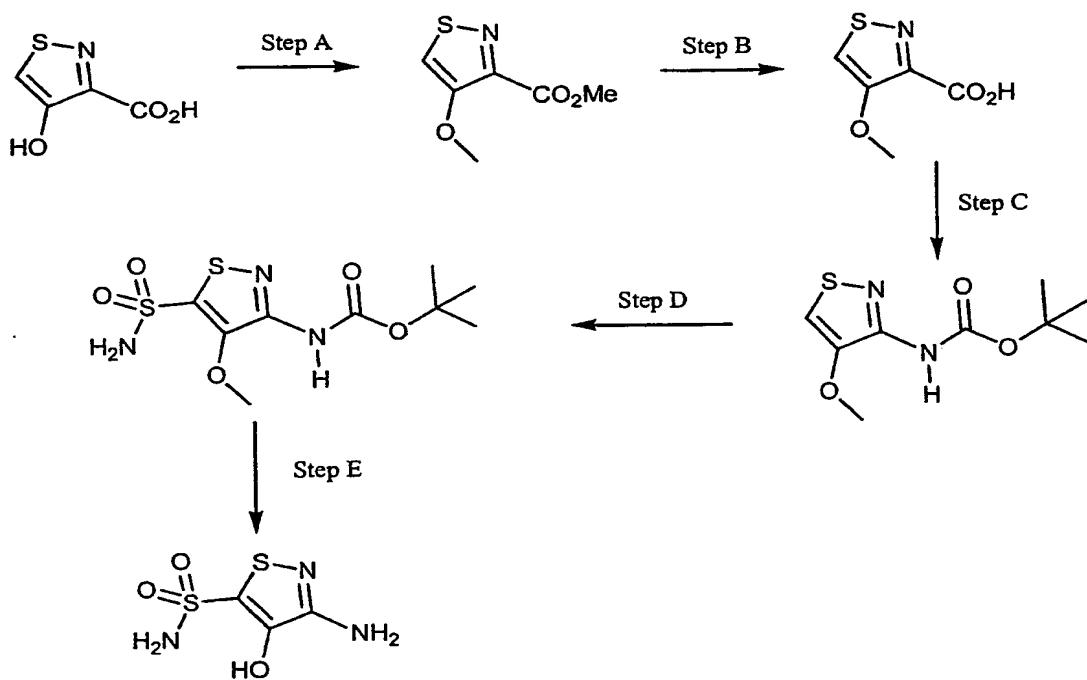
PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 75.11-75.59

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Following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 64 but using the prepared or commercially available aldehydes, amino alcohols, and organolithium reagents in the Table below and carrying the amine on crude, the optically pure amine products in the Table below were obtained.

Prep Ex.	Aldehyde	Amino Alcohol	Organolithium	Product	Yield (%)
75.60			t-BuLi		60

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 500.7



5 Step A

If one were to use a similar procedure to that used in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.3 Step B, except using the hydroxy acid from *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 6(9), 1996, 1043 (the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference thereto), one would obtain the desired methoxy compound.

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Step B

If one were to use a similar procedure to that used in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 Step B, except using the product from Step A above, one would obtain the desired compound.

Step C

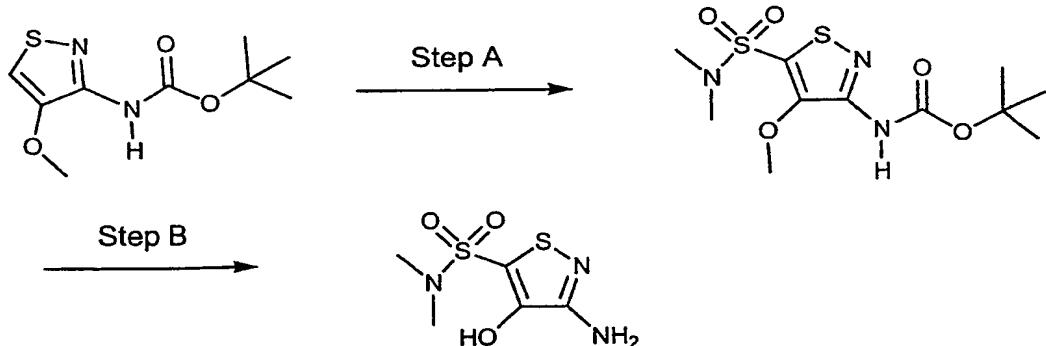
If one were to use a similar procedure to that used in *Synth. Commun.* 1980, 10, p. 107 (the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference thereto), except using the product from Step B above and t-butanol, one would obtain the desired compound.

Step D

If one were to use a similar procedure to that used in *Synthesis*, 1986, 1031 (the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference thereto), except using the product from Step C above, one would obtain the desired sulfonamide compound.

Step E

If one were to use a similar procedure to that used in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 Step E, except using the product from Step D above, one would obtain the desired compound.

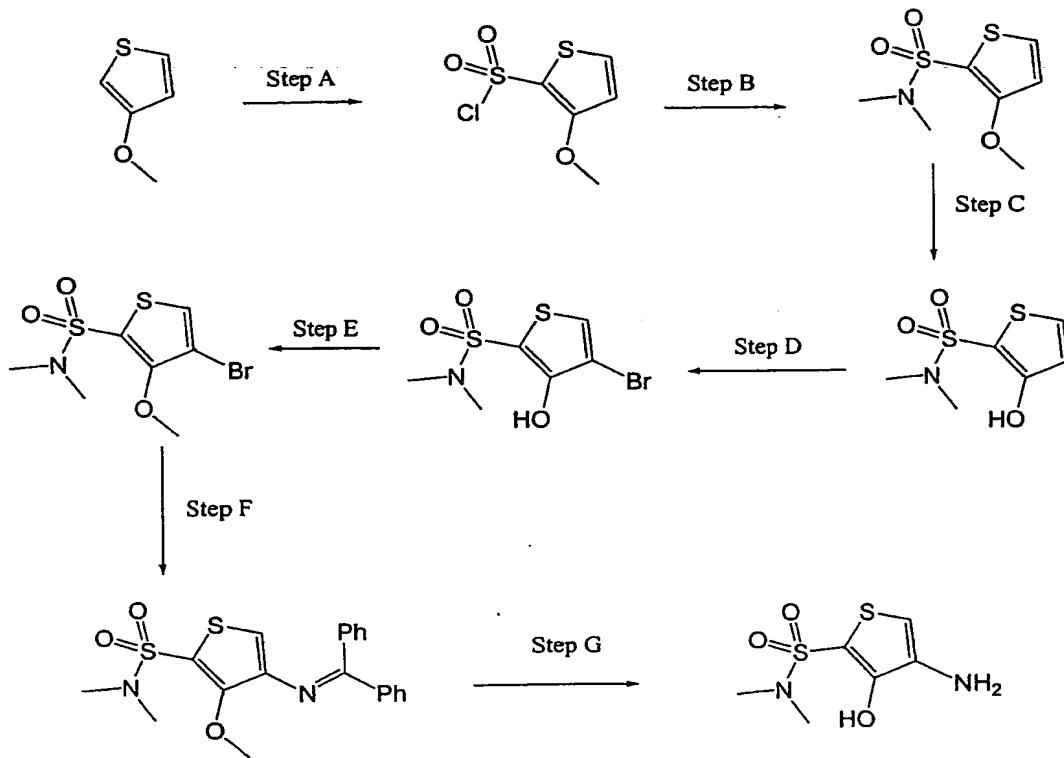
PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 500.8Step A

If one were to treat the product from Step C of WO 02/083624 Example 1125 with BuLi (2.2 eq.) in THF followed by quenching of the reaction mixture with N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl chloride (1.1 eq.) then one would obtain the title compound.

Step B

If one were to use the product of Step A above and follow Step E of Preparative Example 500.7, then one would obtain the title compound.

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PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 500.9Step A

To a solution of 3-methoxythiophene (3 g) in dichloromethane (175 mL) at -78°C was added chlorosulfonic acid (8.5 mL) dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at -78°C and 1.5 h at room temp. Afterwards, the mixture was poured carefully into crushed ice, and extracted with dichloromethane. The extracts were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered through a 1-in silica gel pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to give the desired compound (4.2 g).

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Step B

The product from Step A above (4.5 g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (140 mL) and added with triethylamine (8.8 mL) followed by diethyl amine in THF (2M, 21 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture

was washed with brine and saturated bicarbonate (aq) and brine again, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered through a 1-in silica gel pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to give the desired compound (4.4 g).

5 Step C

The product from Step B above (4.3 g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (125 mL) and cooled in a -78°C bath. A solution of boron tribromide (1.0 M in dichloromethane, 24.3 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for 4 h while the temperature was increased slowly from -78°C to 10°C. H₂O was added, the two layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloro- methane. The combined organic layer and extracts were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give 3.96 g of the desired hydroxy-compound.

15 Step D

The product from step C above (3.96 g) was dissolved in 125 mL of dichloromethane, and added with potassium carbonate (6.6 g) followed by bromine (2 mL). The mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature, quenched with 100 mL of H₂O. The aqueous mixture was addjusted to pH ~ 5 using a 0.5N hydrogen chloride aqueous solution, and extracted with dichloromethane. The extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford 4.2 g of the desired bromo-compound.

Step E

25 The product from Step D (4.2 g) was dissolved in 100 mL of acetone and added with potassium carbonate (10 g) followed by iodomethane (9 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux and continued for 3.5 h. After cooled to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to a dark brown residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography eluting with dichloromethane-hexanes (1:1, v/v) to give 2.7 g of the desired product.

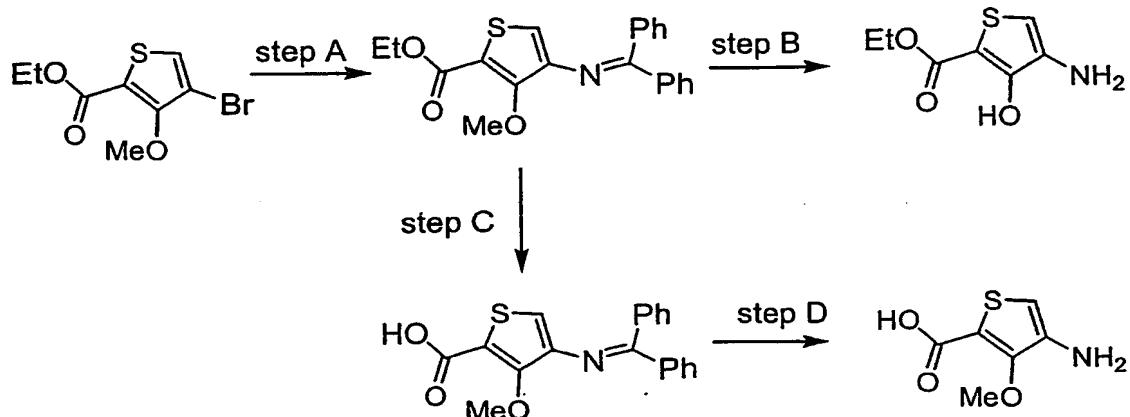
Step F

The product from step E (2.7 g) was converted to the desired imine compound (3 g), following the similar procedure to that of WO 02/083624 Preparative Example

5 13.19 step D.

Step G

The imine product from step F (3 g) was dissolved in 80 mL of dichloromethane and cooled in a -78°C bath. A solution of boron tribromide (1.0 M in dichloromethane, 10 9.2 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 4.25 h from -78°C to 5°C. H₂O (50 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer and extracts were combined, washed with brine, and concentrated to an oily residue. The residue was dissolved in 80 mL of methanol, stirred with sodium acetate (1.5 g) and hydroxyamine 15 hydrochloride (0.95 g) at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was poured into an aqueous mixture of sodium hydroxide (1.0 M aq, 50 mL) and ether (100 mL). The two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with ether three times. The combined ether washings were re-extracted with H₂O once. The aqueous layers were combined, washed once with dichloromethane, adjusted to pH ~ 6 using 20 3.0 M and 0.5 M hydrogen chloride aqueous solutions, and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic extracts were combined, washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo to give 1.2 g of desired amine compound.

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 600

Step A

Following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 Step D, the imine was prepared from the known bromoester (1.0g) to yield 1.1g (79%) as a yellow solid.

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Step B

The product of Step A (0.6g) was reacted following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 Step E to give the amine product 0.19g (64%).

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Step C

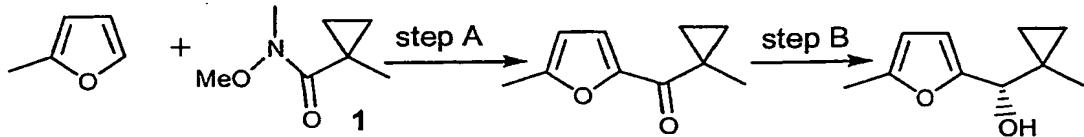
The product of Step B (1.0g) was reacted following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 Step B to give the acid as yellow solid 0.9g (94%).

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Step D

The product of Step C (0.35g) was reacted following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.19 Step E to give the amino acid as yellow solid 0.167g (93%).

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PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 601Step A

To a solution of 2-methyl furan (1.72g) in ether was added BuLi (8.38mL) at 25 -78^0C and stirred at room temperature for half an hour. The reaction mixture again cooled to -78^0C and quenched with cyclopropyl amide 1 and stirred for two hours at -78^0C and slowly warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture stirred for three hours at room temperature and quenched with the addition of saturated ammonium chloride solution. The mixture was taken to a separatory funnel, washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Filtration and removal of solvent

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afforded the crude ketone, which was purified by using column chromatography to afford the ketone 3.0g (87%) as a pale yellow oil.

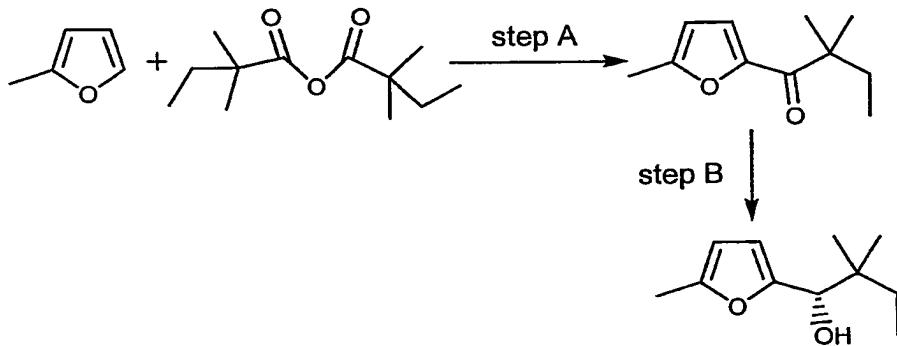
Step B

5 To a solution of ketone (1.0g) from Step A above in THF (5.0mL) at 0°C was added *R*-methyl oxazaborolidine (1.2mL, 1M in toluene) dropwise followed by addition of a solution of borane complexed with dimethyl sulfide (1.85mL, 2M in THF). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30minutes at 0°C and than at room temperature for one hour. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and MeOH was added carefully.

10 The mixture was stirred for 20 minutes and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was extracted with ether, washed with water, 1M HCl (10mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (10.0mL) water and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and removal of solvent afforded the crude alcohol which was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the pure alcohol

15 0.91g (91%) as yellow oil.

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 602



Step A

20 An equimolar mixture of 2-methylfuran (1.0g) and anhydride (2.6g) was mixed with SnCl₄ (0.05mL) and heated at 100°C for 3 hours. After cooling the reaction mixture, water (10mL) was added, followed by saturated sodium carbonate solution until it becomes alkaline. The reaction mixture was extracted with ether several times and the combined ether layer was washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Filtration and removal of solvent afforded the crude ketone, which was

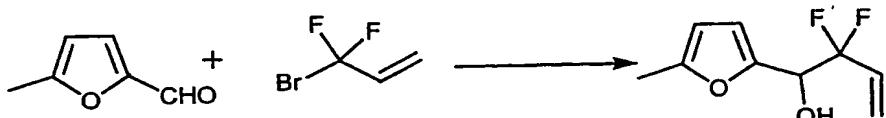
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purified by using silica gel chromatography to afford the ketone 0.9g (43%) as a yellow oil.

Step B

5 The title alcohol was obtained following a similar procedure set forth in Preparative Example 601.

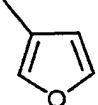
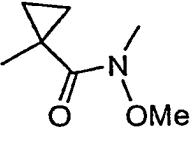
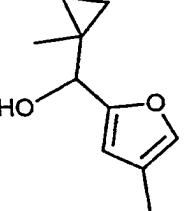
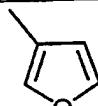
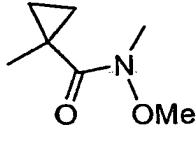
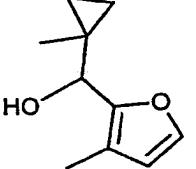
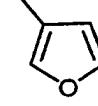
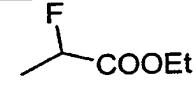
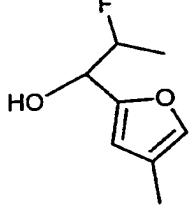
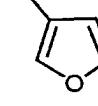
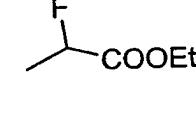
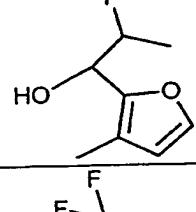
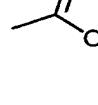
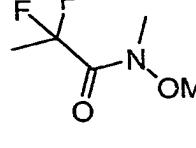
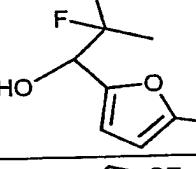
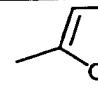
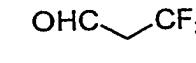
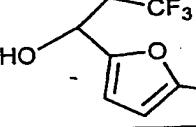
PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 603



10 To a solution of 5-methyl furan-2-aldehyde (1.0g) and 3-bromo-3,3-difluoropropene (2.24g) in DMF (30mL) was added indium powder (1.66g) and lithium iodide (50.0mg). The reaction mixture was stirred over night, diluted with water and extracted with ether. The ether layer was washed with water, brine and purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the pure alcohol 2.8g (92%).

15 PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 604-611
Following a similar procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Examples 13.25 or 601 the following Alcohols were prepared.

Prep Ex	Furan	Electrophile	Alcohol	Yield
604				86%
605				69%

606				84%
607				82%
608				60%
609				65%
610				82%
611				89%

PREPARATIVE EXAMPLES 620-631

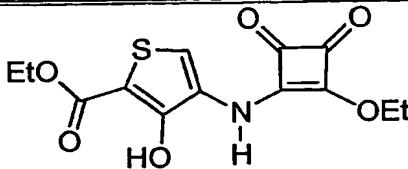
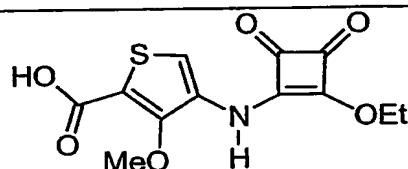
Following a similar procedure to that set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 13.25 the following Amines were prepared from the corresponding Alcohols.

Prep Ex	ALCOHOL	AMINE	% YIELD
620			28
621			58
622			69
623			81
624			82
625			45
626			57

627			58
628			54
629			53
630			50
631			82%

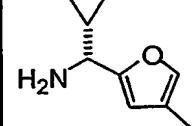
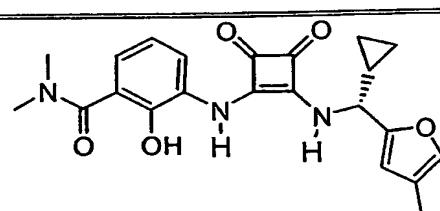
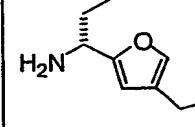
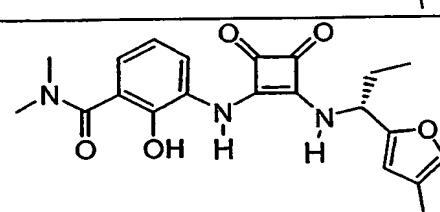
PREPARATIVE EXAMPLE 640-641

Following the procedures set forth in WO 02/083624 Preparative Example 19
 5 but using the amine from the Preparative Example indicated in the Table below, the cyclobutenedione intermediates were obtained.

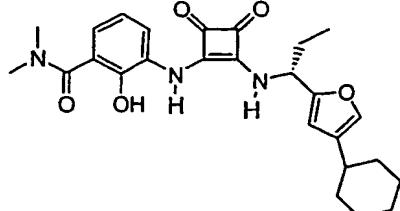
Prep Ex.	Amine from Prep Ex.	Product	1. Yield 2. MH^+
640	600 Step B		1. 60% 2. 138
641	600 Step D		1. 65% 2. 138

EXAMPLES 360.109 - 360.117

Following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083524 Example 261 but using the
5 amine from the Preparative Example indicated in the table below, the following
cyclobutenedione products were obtained.

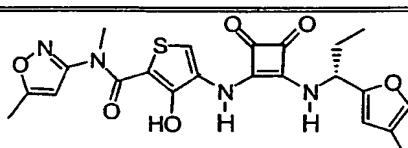
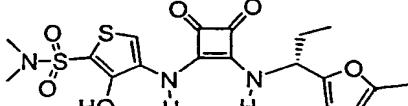
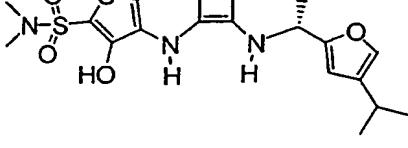
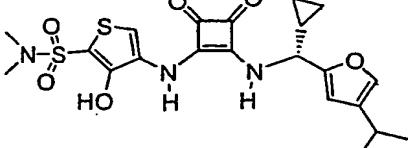
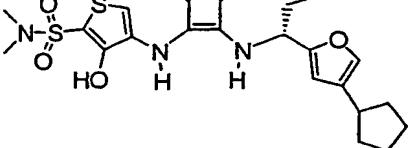
Ex.	Amine	Product	1. Yield 2. MH^+ 3. mp (°C)
360.109	75.10A 		1. 67% 2. 410.1 3. 119-121
360.110	75.10B 		1. 71% 2. 412 3. 102

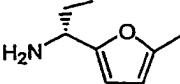
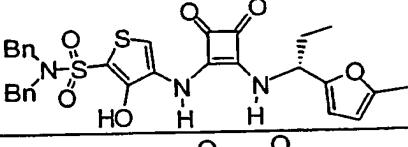
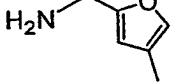
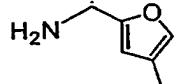
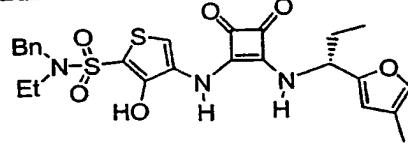
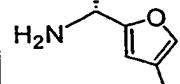
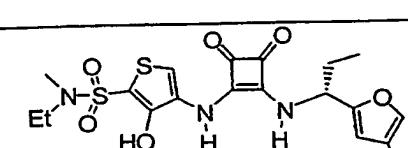
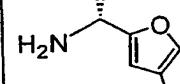
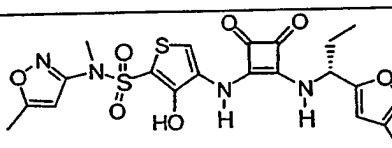
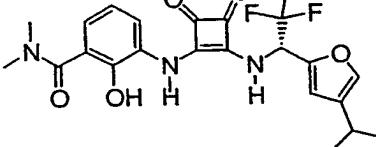
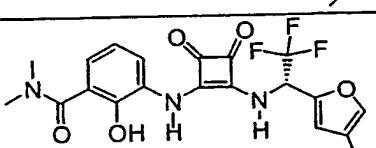
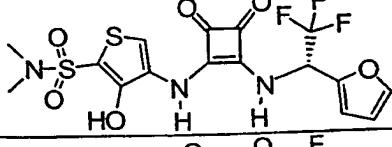
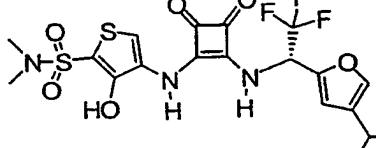
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360.112	75.10D 		1. 79% 2. 412 3. 111-113
360.113	75.10E 		1. 20% 2. 440.1 3. 130 (DEC)
360.114	75.10F 		1. 61% 2. 438.1 3. 117-119
360.115	75.10G 		1. 61% 2. 440.1 3. 117-119
360.116	75.10H 		1. 81% 2. 452 3. 118

360.117	75.10J		1. 65% 2. 466 3. 109
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EXAMPLES 368.32-368.45

Following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Example 261 but using the commercially available amine in the table below and the cyclobutenedione intermediate from the Preparative Example indicated, the following cyclobutenedione products were obtained.

Ex.	Amine	Prep. Ex.	Product	1. Yield 2. MH^+ 3. mp (°C)
368.32	75.49	23.14		1. 58% 2. 471.1 3. 149
368.33	75.1	23.15A		1. 33% 2. 440.1 3. 181
368.34	75.9	23.15A		1. 56% 2. 468 3. 180
368.35	75.N6	23.15A		1. 28% 2. 480 3. 186
368.36	75.N8	23.15A		1. 48% 2. 494 3. 112.5

368.37	75.1 	23.15B		1. 58% 2. 592 3. 177-179
368.38	75.49 	23.15C		1. 69% 2. 516 3. 88-90
368.39	75.49 	23.15D		1. 80% 2. 530 3. 134-137
368.40	75.49 	23.15E		1. 57% 2. 454 3. 138-140
368.41	75.49 	19.2		1. 26% 2. 507 3. 162-164
368.42	3	23.25		1. 82% 2. 466 3. 141-143
368.43	3	23.26		1. 67% 2. 480 3. 139 dec
368.44	13.29	23.16		1. 29% 2. 480 3. 112-114
368.45	13.29	23.26		1. 88% 2. 508 3. 190 dec

EXAMPLES 1200-1212

Following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Example 261 but using the prepared amine indicated in the table below, the following cyclobutenedione products 5 were obtained.

Ex.	Amine	Product	1. Yield 2. MH^+ 3. mp (°C)
1200			1. 61.3% 2. 451.4 3. 108.6
1201			1. 54% 2. 439.5 3. 117.8
1202			1. 80% 2. 439.5 3. 128-131.8
1203			1. 75% 2. 423.4 3. 118-119
1204			1. 74% 2. 447.4 3. 108-111
1205			1. 42% 2. 415.42 3. 136-140

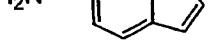
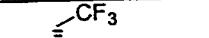
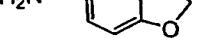
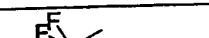
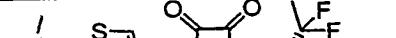
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1207			1. 35% 2. 433.1 3. 123-128
1208			1. 42% 2. 423.4 3. 118-121
1209			1. 51% 2. 415.4 3. 112-117
1210			1. 44% 2. 415.4 3. 115-120
1211			1. 48% 2. 445.4 3. 105-110

EXAMPLES 1300-1309

Following the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Example 261 but using the prepared amine in the table below and the cyclobutenedione intermediate from the

Preparative Example indicated (from either this Application or from WO 02/083624), the following cyclobutenedione products were obtained.

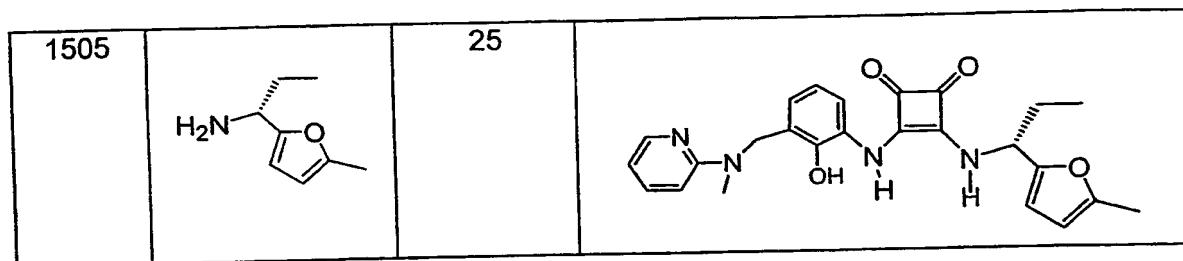
Ex.	Amine	Prep. Ex.	Product	1. Yield 2. MH^+ 3. mp (°C)
1300		640		1. 35% 2. 390.4 3. 100
1301		641		1.78% 2. 390.4 3. 130
1302		23.9		1. 48% 2. 483.4 3. 116
1303		23.9		1. 46% 2. 443.5 3. 106
1304		23.9		1. 40% 2. 445.54 3. 102
1305		23.9		1. 51% 2. 413.4 3. 98
1306		23.9		1.78% 2. 405.5 3. 246

1307		23.9		1. 83% 2. 439.5 3. 129
1308		23.15A		1. 11% 2. 519.47 3. 123
1309		23.15A		1. 47% 2. 475 3. 113
1310		23.15F		1. 55% 2. 496.1 3. 123-125
1311		23.15F		1. 74% 2. 468.1 3. 116-118

EXAMPLES 1500-1503

If one were to follow the procedure set forth in WO 02/083624 Example 261 but using the prepared amine and the cyclobutenedione intermediate in the table below from the Preparative Example indicated, the following cyclobutenedione products could be obtained.

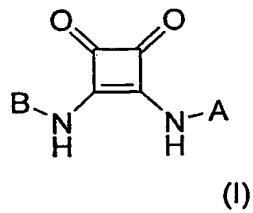
Ex.	Amine from Prep Ex.	Cyclobutene-dione intermediate from Prep Ex	Product
1500		26	
1501		23.15F	
1502		24	
1503		24	
1504		25	



While the present invention has been described in conjunction with specific embodiments set forth above, many alternatives, modifications and variations thereof will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art. All such alternatives, modifications and variations are intended to fall within the spirit and scope of the present invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A use of one or more compounds of the formula (I):



5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof; for the manufacture of one or more medicaments for treating a CXC chemokine mediated disease, wherein the treatment comprises administering to a patient:

(a) One or more of said medicaments; in combination with

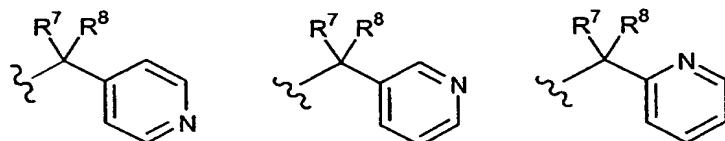
(b) One or more drugs, agents or therapeutics useful for the treatment of

10 chemokine mediated diseases;

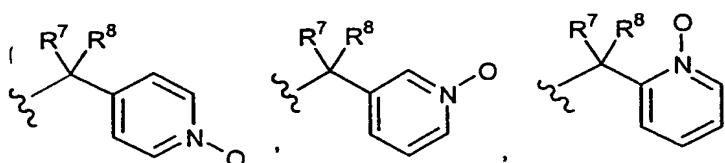
wherein for said compounds of formula (I):

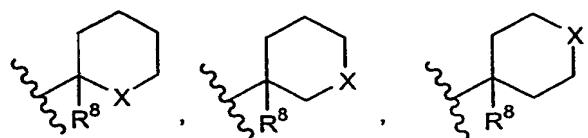
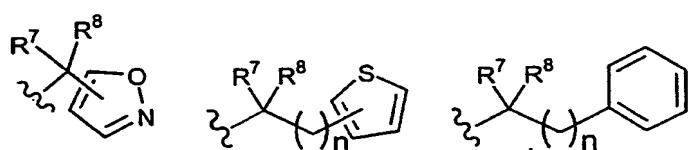
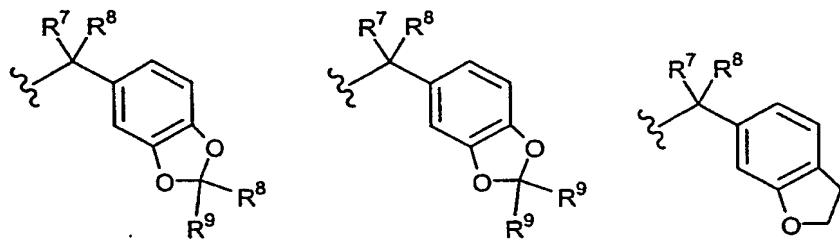
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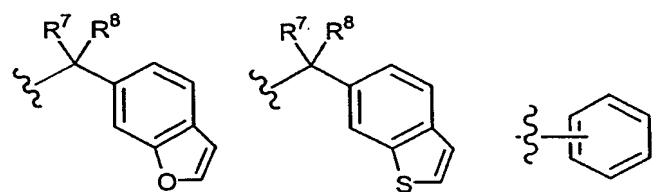
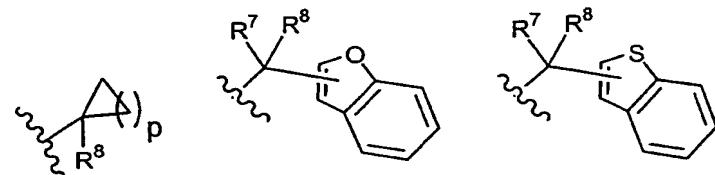


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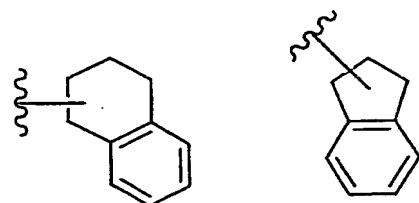




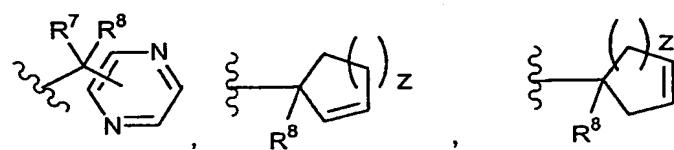
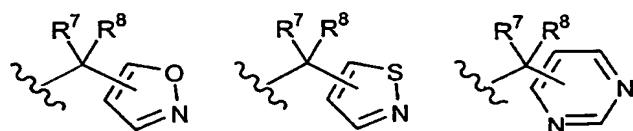
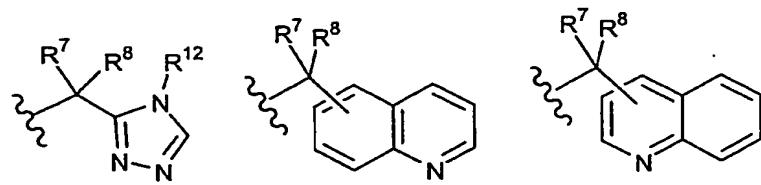
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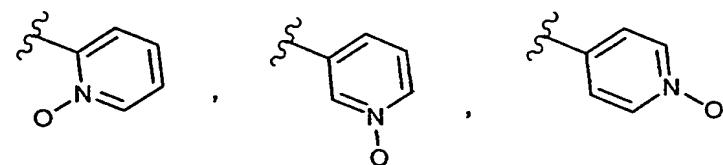
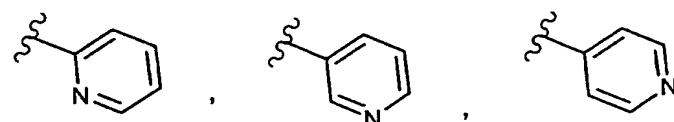
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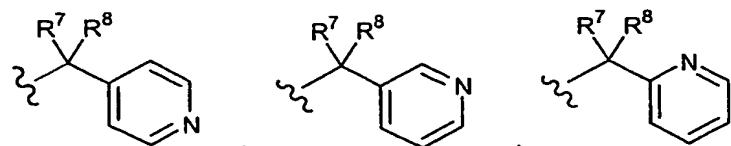
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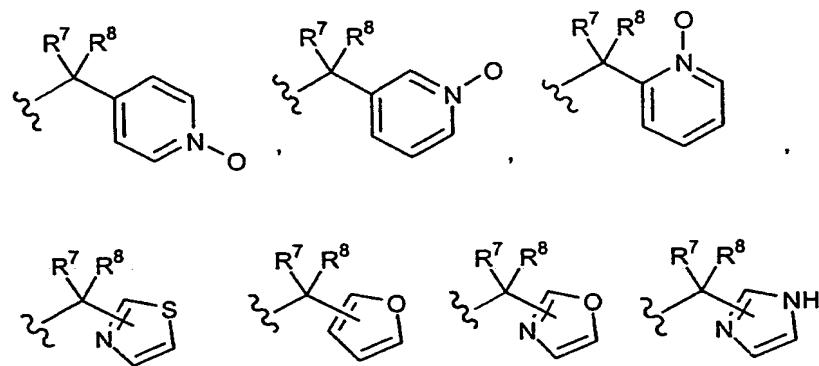
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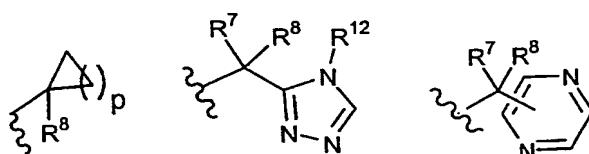
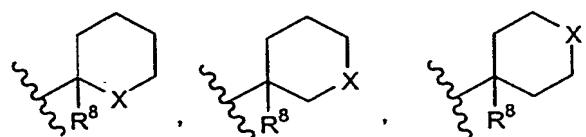
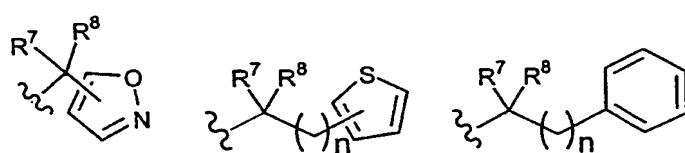
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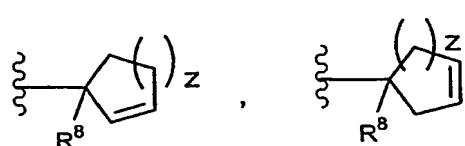
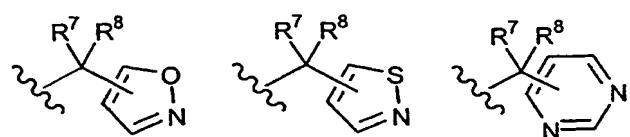
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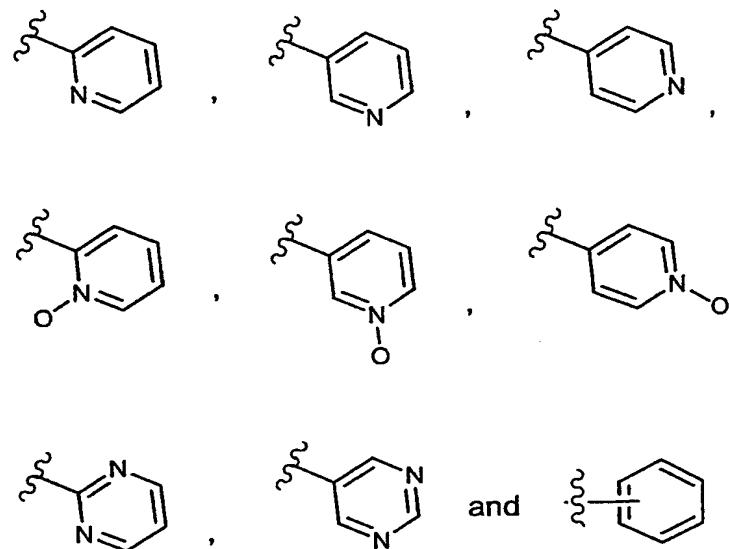


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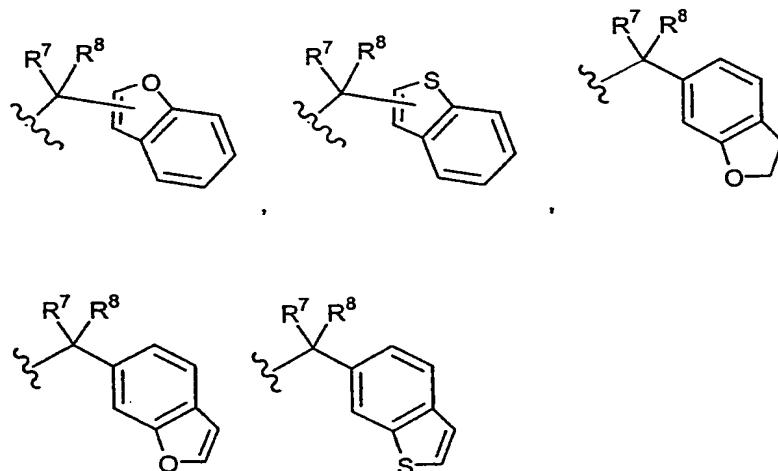


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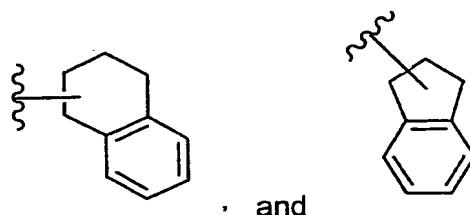
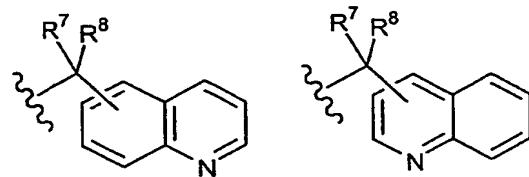
wherein the above rings of said A groups are substituted with 1 to 6 substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

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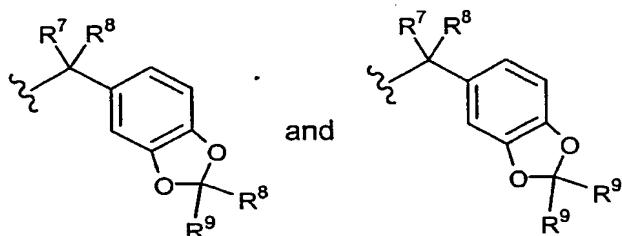


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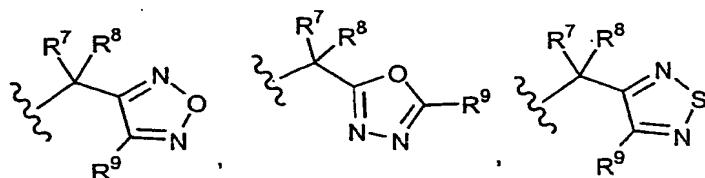
5 wherein one or both of the above rings of said A groups are substituted with 1 to 6 substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

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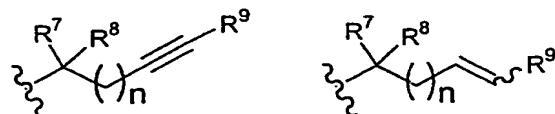


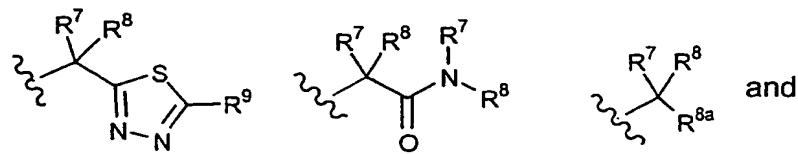
10 wherein the above phenyl rings of said A groups are substituted with 1 to 3 substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; and

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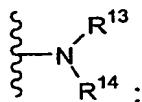


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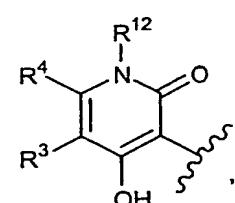
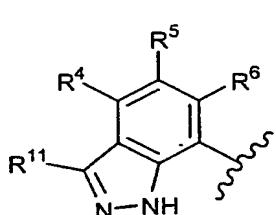
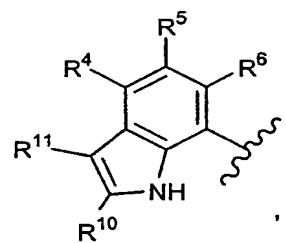
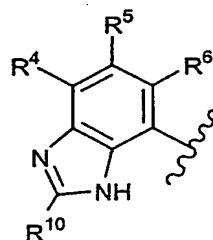
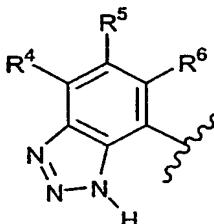
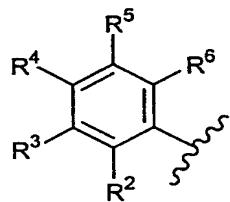


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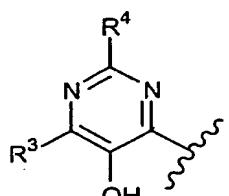
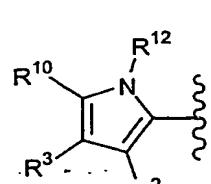
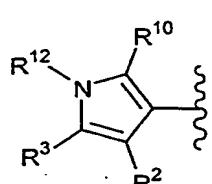
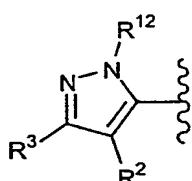
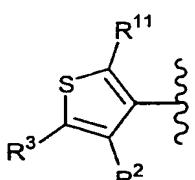
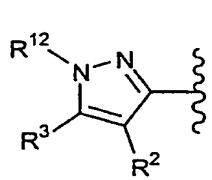


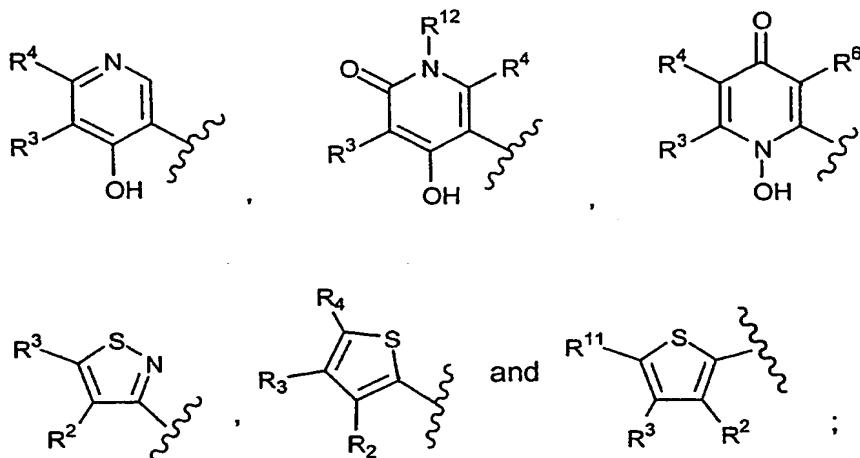
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B is selected from the group consisting of



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n is 0 to 6;

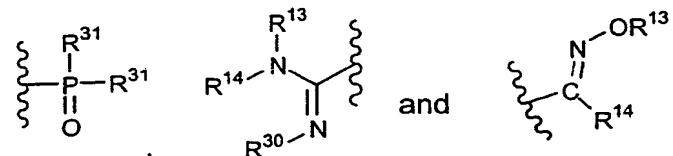
p is 1 to 5;

X is O, NH, or S;

Z is 1 to 3;

10 R² is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, OH, -C(O)OH, -SH, -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, -NHC(O)R¹³, -NHSO₂NR¹³R¹⁴, -NHSO₂R¹³, -NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)NHOR¹³, -C(O)NR¹³OH, -S(O₂)OH, -OC(O)R¹³, an unsubstituted heterocyclic acidic functional group, and a substituted heterocyclic acidic functional group; wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted heterocyclic acidic functional group each substituent being independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

15 each R³ and R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, cyano, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, -OH, -CF₃, -OCF₃, -NO₂, -C(O)R¹³, -C(O)OR¹³, -C(O)NHR¹⁷, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)R¹³, -C(O)NR¹³OR¹⁴, 20 unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl,



wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted aryl group and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; and

wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted heteroaryl group and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

each R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, -CF₃, -OCF₃,

5 -NO₂, -C(O)R¹³, -C(O)OR¹³, -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴, -SO_(t)NR¹³R¹⁴, -C(O)NR¹³OR¹⁴, cyano,

unsubstituted or substituted aryl, and unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl group;

wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted aryl group and each

substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups; and

wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted heteroaryl group and each

10 substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

each R⁷ and R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or

15 substituted cycloalkylalkyl, -CO₂R¹³, -CONR¹³R¹⁴, alkynyl, alkenyl, and cycloalkenyl;

and wherein there are one or more substituents on said substituted R⁷ and R⁸ groups,

wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) halogen,

b) -CF₃,

20 c) -COR¹³,

d) -OR¹³,

e) -NR¹³R¹⁴,

f) -NO₂,

g) -CN,

25 h) -SO₂OR¹³,

i) -Si(alkyl)₃, wherein each alkyl is independently selected,

j) -Si(aryl)₃, wherein each alkyl is independently selected,

k) -(R¹³)₂R¹⁴Si, wherein each R¹³ is independently selected,

l) -CO₂R¹³,

30 m) -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴,

n) -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴,

o) -SO₂R¹³,

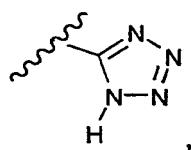
p) -OC(O)R¹³,

- q) $-\text{OC(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- r) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{C(O)R}^{14}$, and
- s) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{14}$;

5 R^{8a} is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl;

each R^9 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- a) $-\text{R}^{13}$,
- b) halogen,
- c) $-\text{CF}_3$,
- 10 d) $-\text{COR}^{13}$,
- e) $-\text{OR}^{13}$,
- f) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- g) $-\text{NO}_2$,
- h) $-\text{CN}$,
- 15 i) $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{13}$,
- j) $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- k) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{COR}^{14}$,
- l) $-\text{CONR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$,
- 20 m) $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{14}$,
- n) $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{13}$,
- o)



- p) alkyl substituted with one or more $-\text{OH}$ groups,
- q) alkyl substituted with one or more $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ group, and
- 25 r) $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{13})\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{14}$;

each R^{10} and R^{11} is independently selected from the group consisting of R^{13} , halogen, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{C(O)OR}^{13}$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{SO}_{(1)}\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{13}$, $-\text{NHC(O)R}^{13}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{13}$, $-\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$, $-\text{C(O)NR}^{13}\text{OR}^{14}$, $-\text{OC(O)R}^{13}$ and cyano;

30 R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, $-\text{C(O)OR}^{13}$, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted

or substituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkylalkyl, and unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl group; wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on the substituted R¹² groups and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: R⁹ groups;

each R¹³ and R¹⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl, unsubstituted or substituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroarylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkylalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclic, unsubstituted or substituted fluoroalkyl, and unsubstituted or substituted heterocycloalkylalkyl (wherein "heterocyloalkyl" means heterocyclic); wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said substituted R¹³ and R¹⁴ groups and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, -CF₃, -OH, alkoxy, aryl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, -N(R⁴⁰)₂, -C(O)OR¹⁵, -C(O)NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -S(O)NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -C(O)R¹⁵, -SO₂R¹⁵ provided that R¹⁵ is not H, halogen, and -NHC(O)NR¹⁵R¹⁶; or

R¹³ and R¹⁴ taken together with the nitrogen they are attached to in the groups -C(O)NR¹³R¹⁴ and -SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ form an unsubstituted or substituted saturated heterocyclic ring (preferably a 3 to 7 membered heterocyclic ring), said ring optionally containing one additional heteroatom selected from the group consisting of: O, S and NR¹⁸; wherein there are 1 to 3 substituents on the substituted cyclized R¹³ and R¹⁴ groups (i.e., there is 1 to 3 substituents on the ring formed when the R¹³ and R¹⁴ groups are taken together with the nitrogen to which they are bound) and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, arylalkyl, fluoroalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, amino, -C(O)OR¹⁵, -C(O)NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -SO₂NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -C(O)R¹⁵, -SO₂R¹⁵ provided that R¹⁵ is not H, -NHC(O)NR¹⁵R¹⁶, -NHC(O)OR¹⁵, halogen, and a heterocycloalkenyl group;

each R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl;

R¹⁷ is selected from the group consisting of: -SO₂alkyl, -SO₂aryl, -SO₂cycloalkyl, and -SO₂heteroaryl;

R^{18} is selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-C(O)R^{19}$, $-SO_2R^{19}$ and $-C(O)NR^{19}R^{20}$;

each R^{19} and R^{20} is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

5 R^{30} is selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, cycloalkyl, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, or $-SO_2R^{15}$ provided that R^{15} is not H;

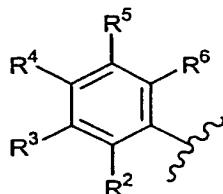
each R^{31} is independently selected from the group consisting of: unsubstituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heteroaryl and unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl; wherein there are 1 to 6 substituents on said 10 substituted R^{31} groups and each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of: alkyl, halogen and $-CF_3$;

each R^{40} is independently selected from the group consisting of: H, alkyl and cycloalkyl;

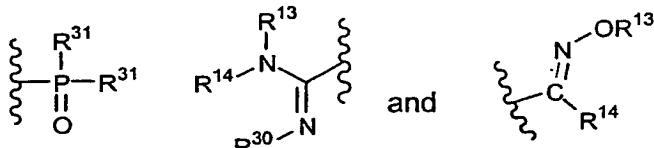
g is 1 or 2; and

15 t is 0, 1 or 2.

2. The use of claim 1 wherein B is selected from the group consisting of:



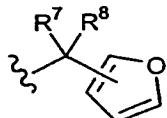
and R^3 for this B group is selected from the group consisting of: $-C(O)NR^{13}R^{14}$,



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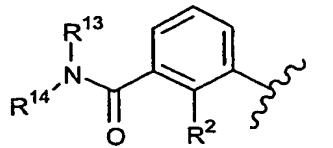
and all other substituents are as defined in claim 1.

3. The use of claim 3 wherein substituent A is



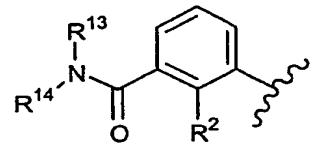
25 wherein the furan ring is unsubstituted or substituted.

4. The use of claim 1 wherein B is:



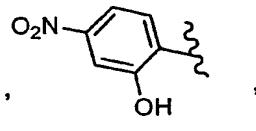
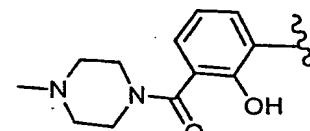
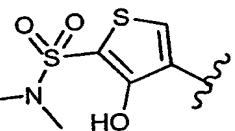
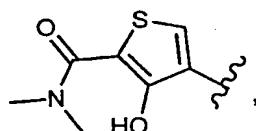
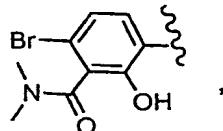
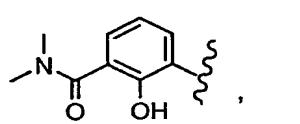
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5. The use of claim 3 wherein B is:

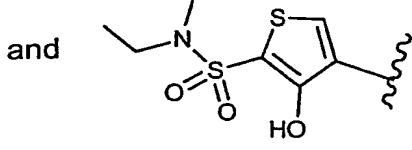
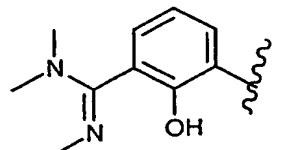


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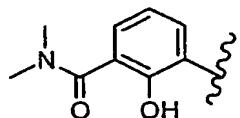
6. The use of claim 1 wherein B is selected from the group consisting of:



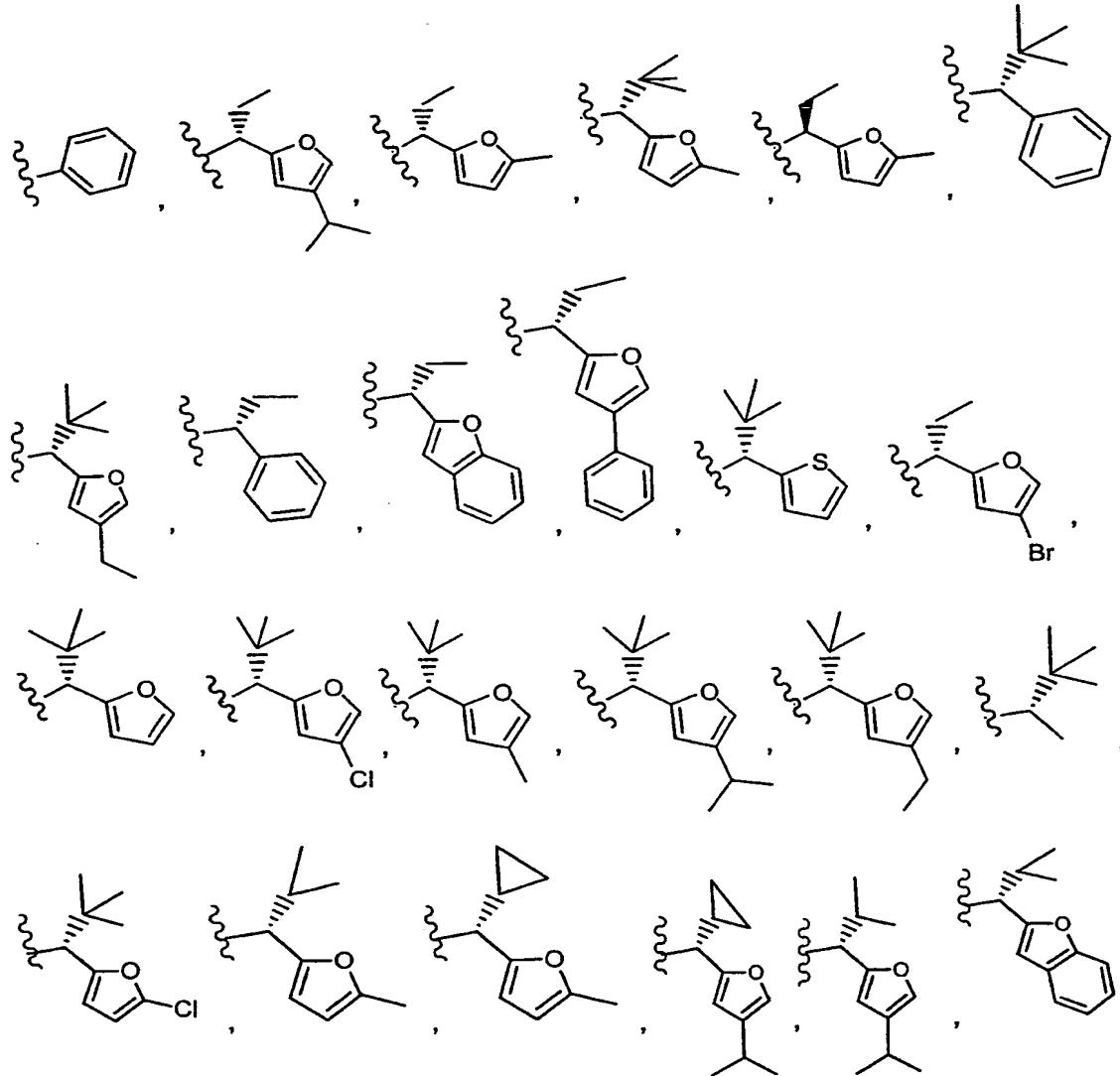
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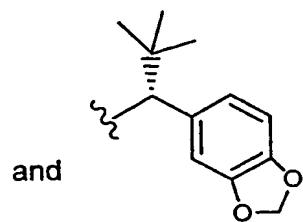


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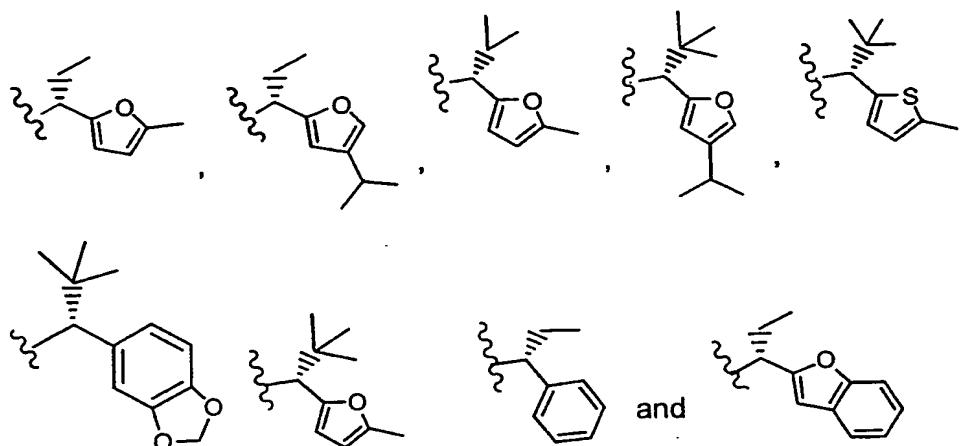


8. The use of claim 1 wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



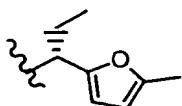


9. The use of claim 8 wherein A is selected from the group consisting of:



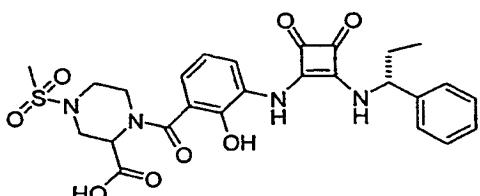
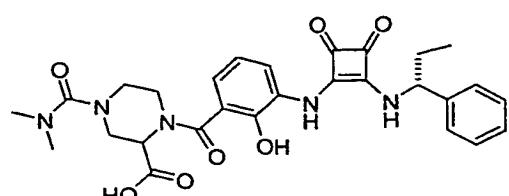
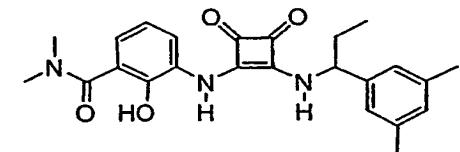
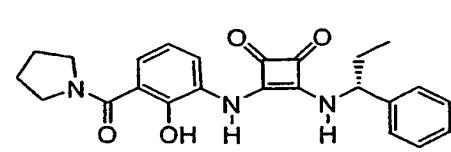
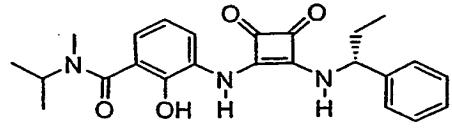
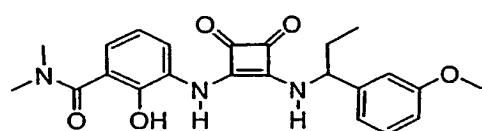
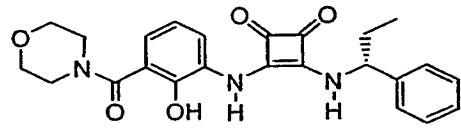
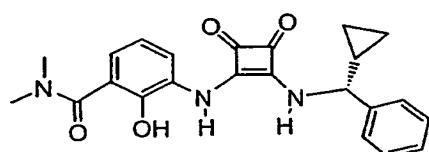
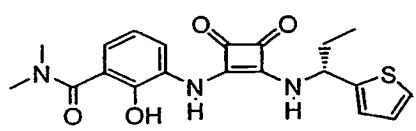
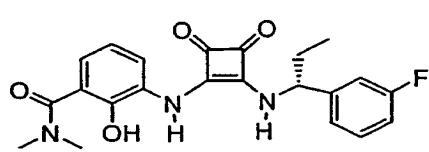
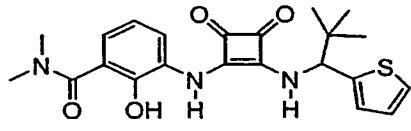
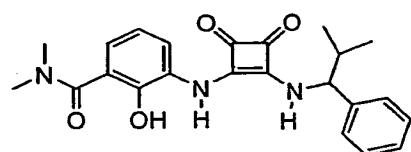
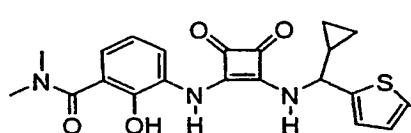
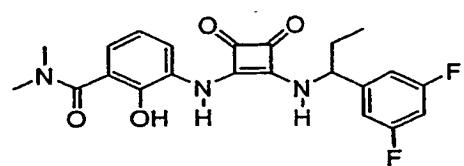
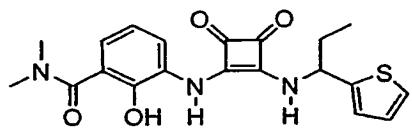
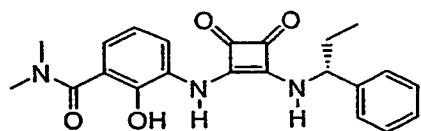
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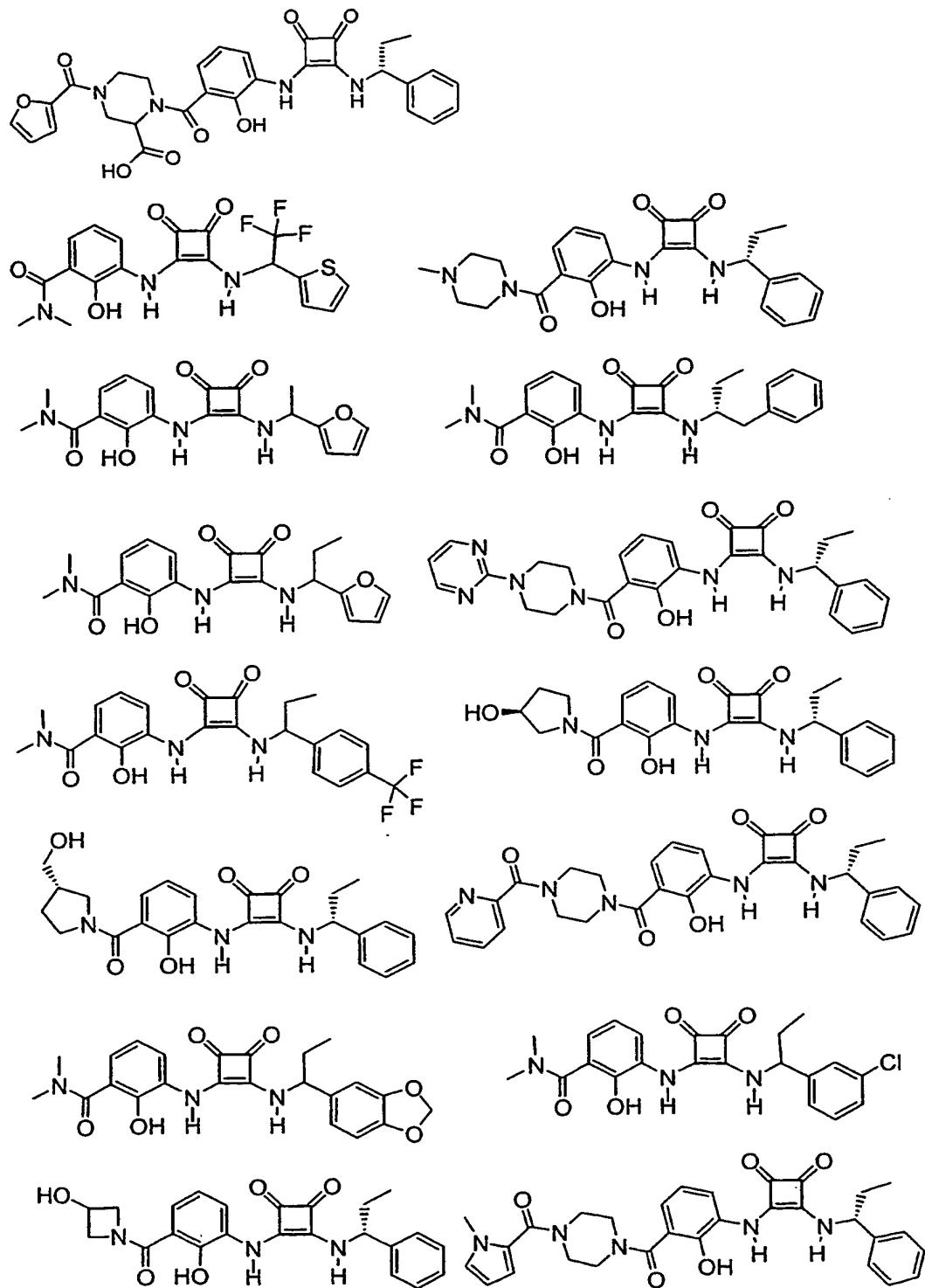
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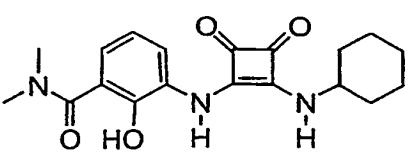
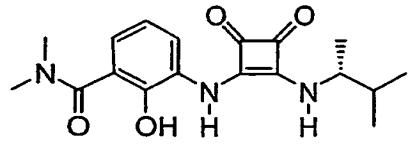
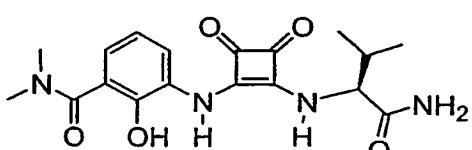
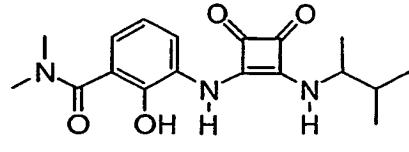
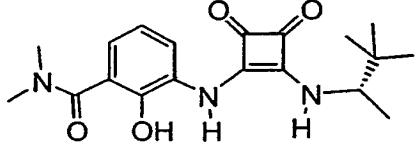
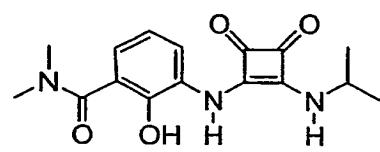
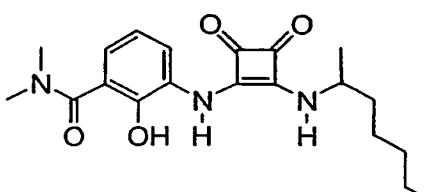
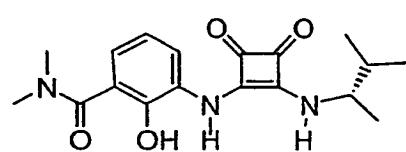
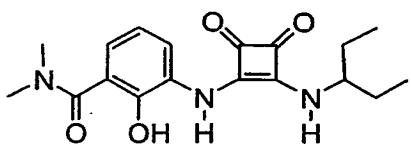
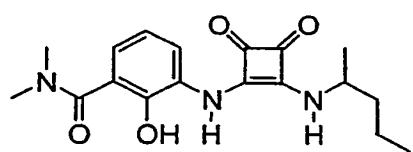
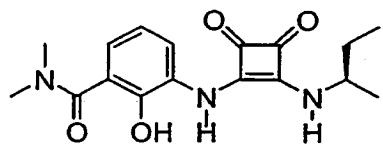
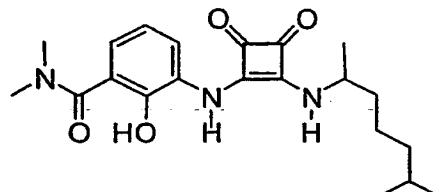
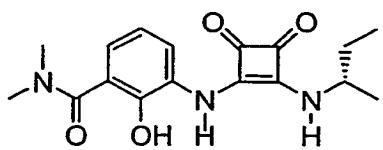
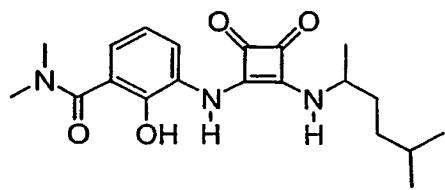
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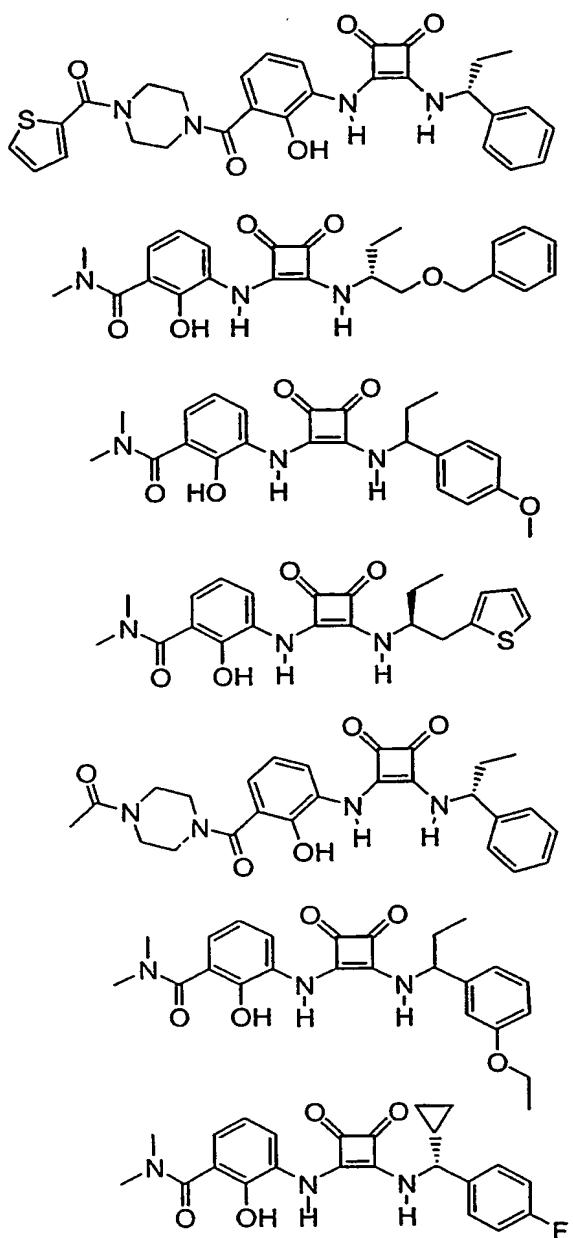
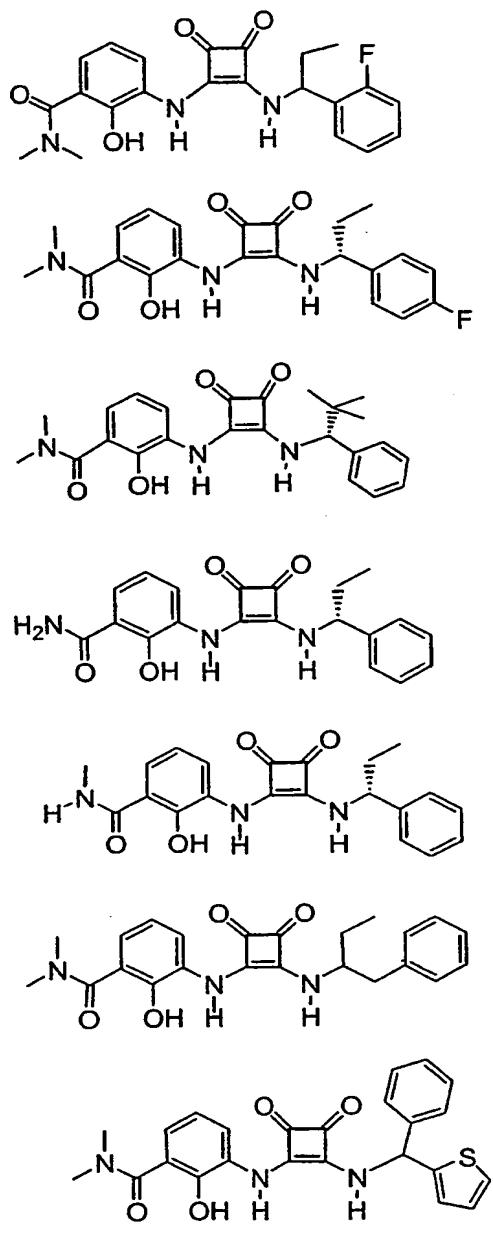
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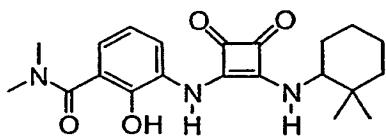
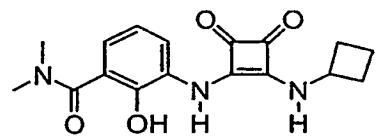
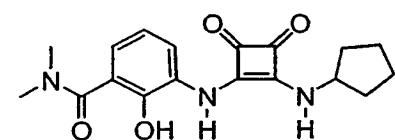
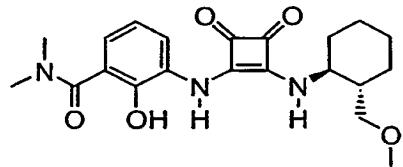
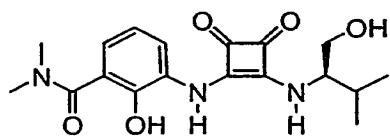
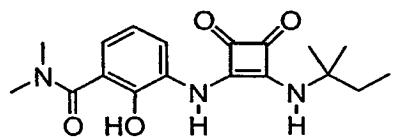
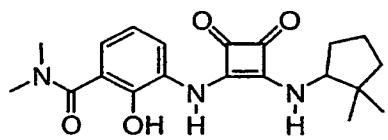
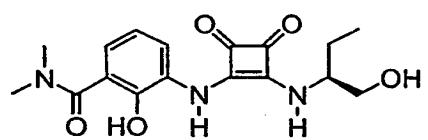
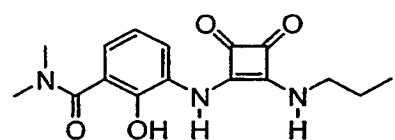
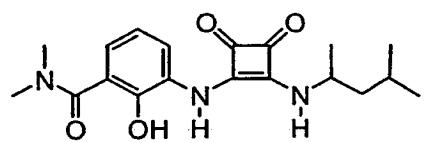
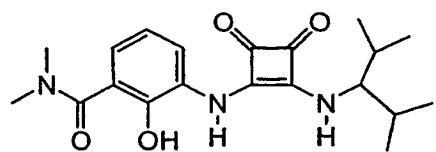
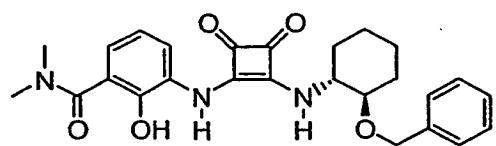




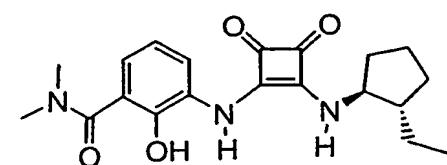
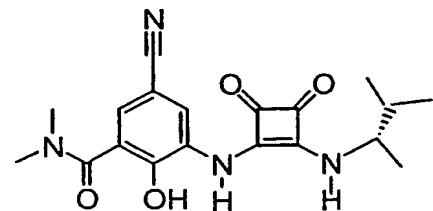
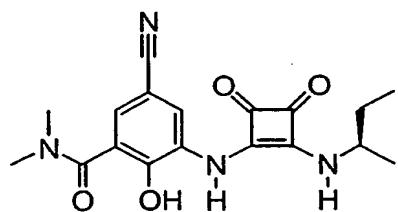
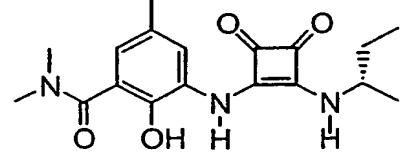
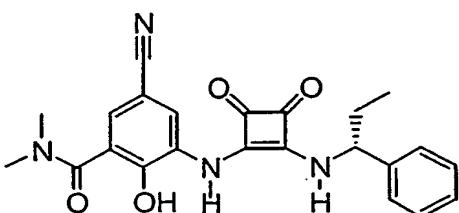
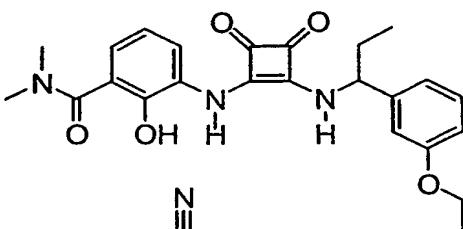
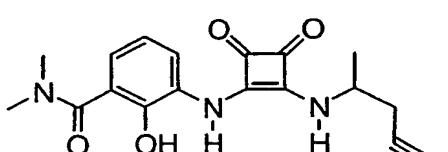
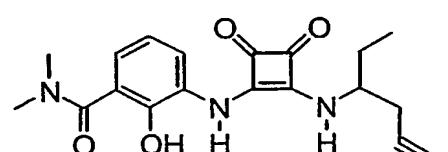
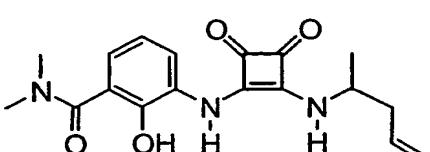
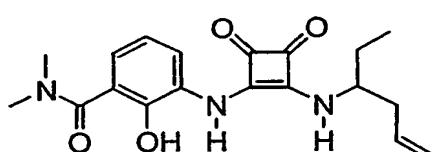
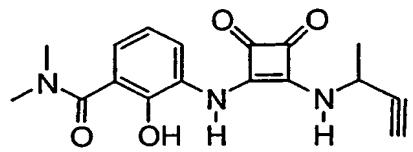
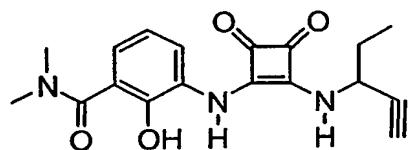
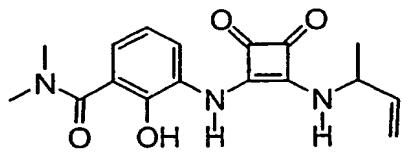
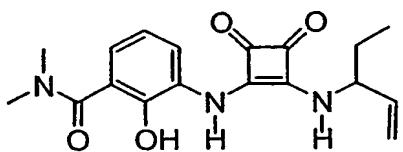
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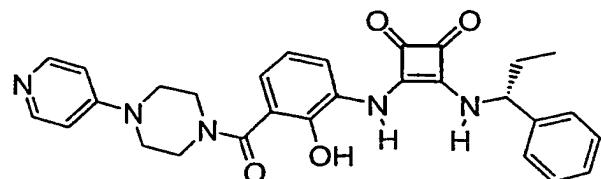
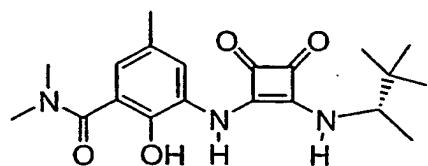
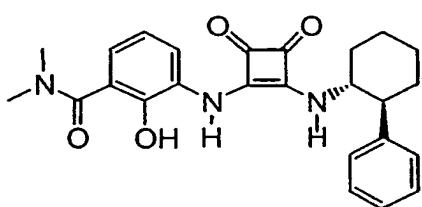
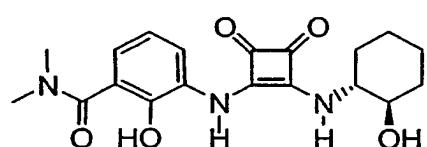
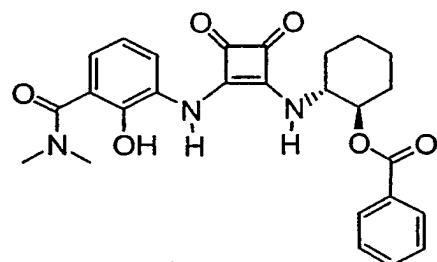
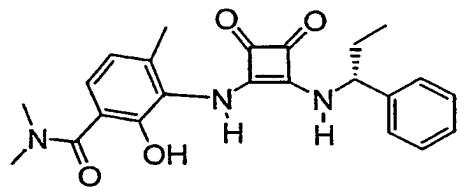
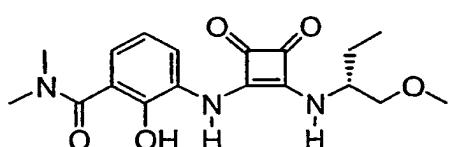
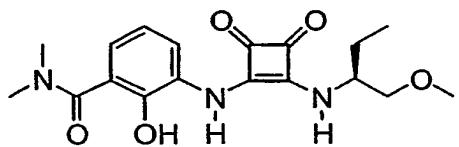
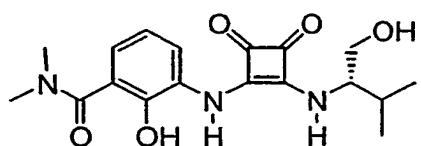
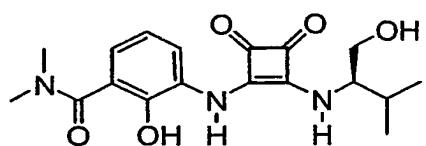
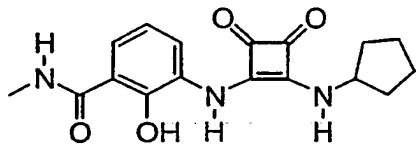
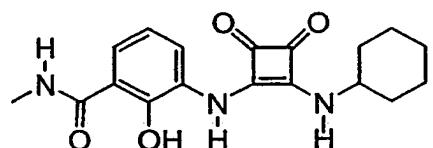
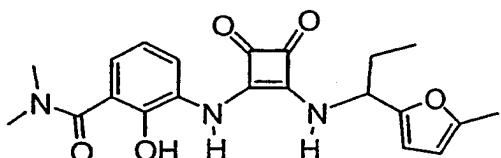
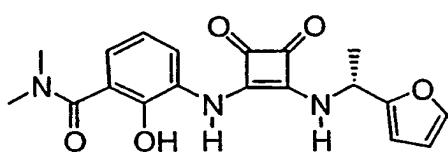




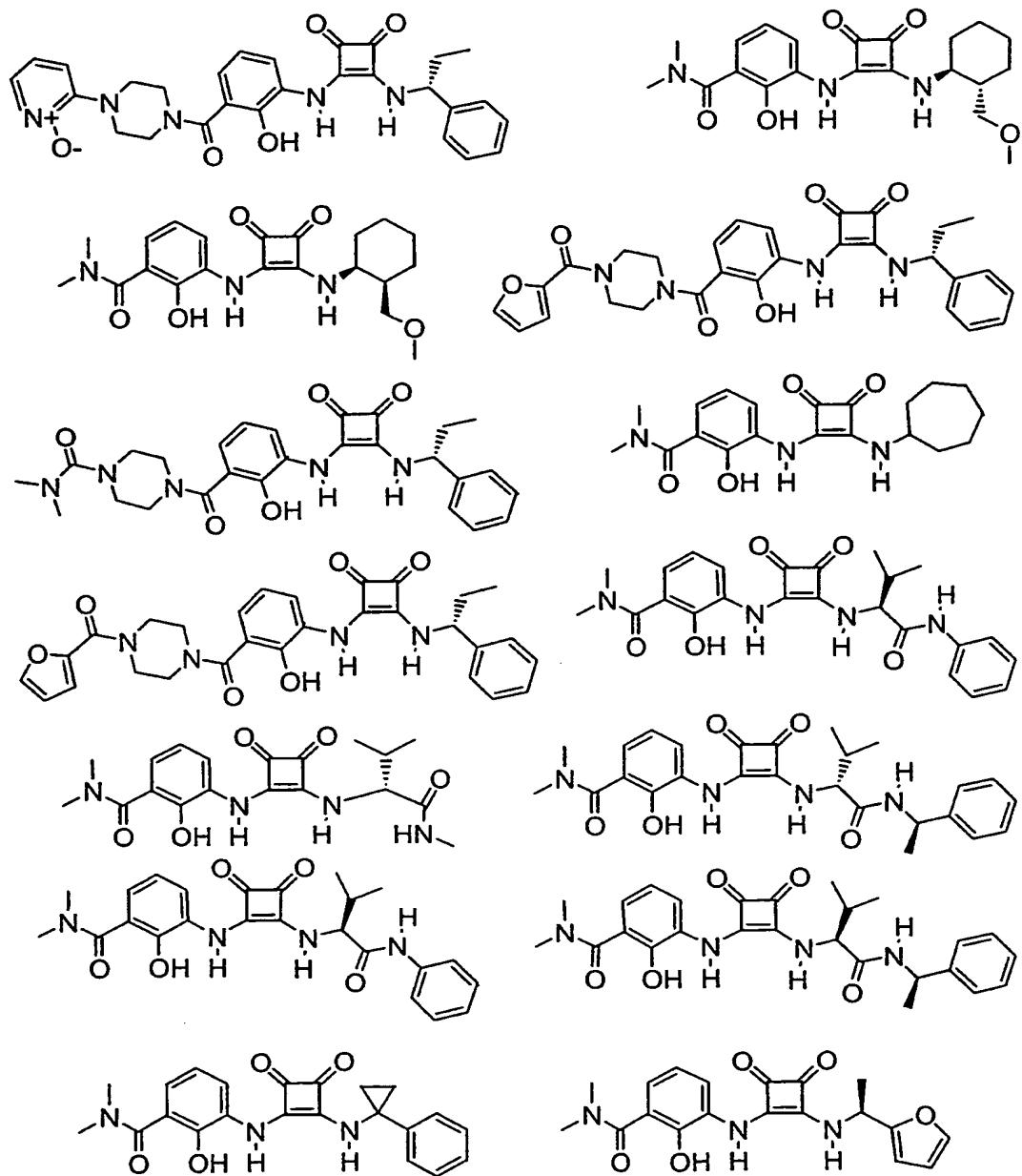
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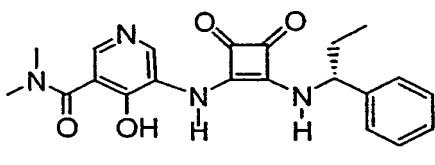
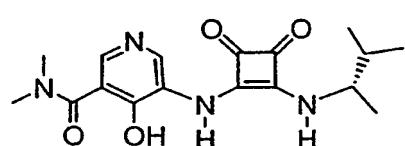
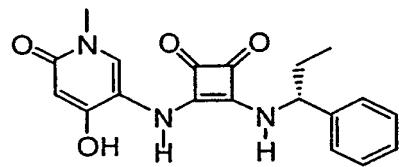
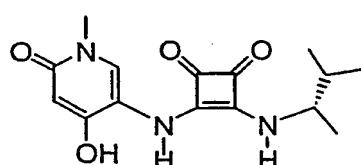
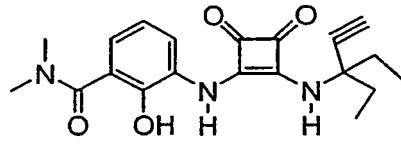
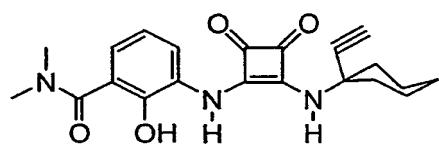
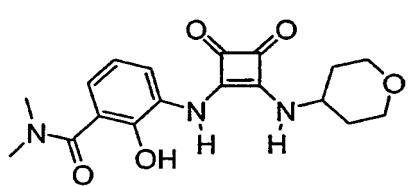
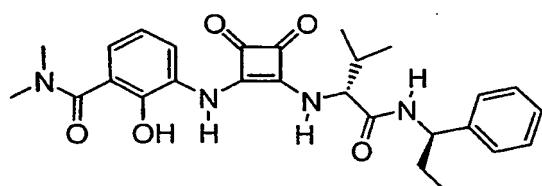
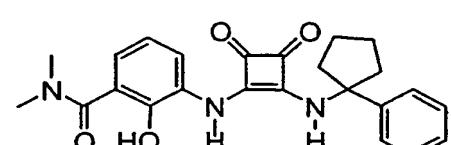
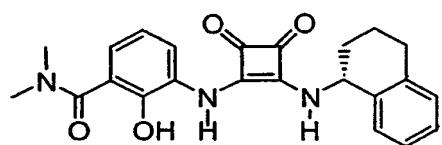
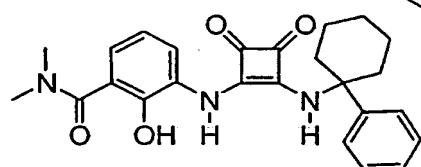
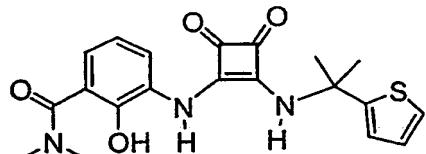
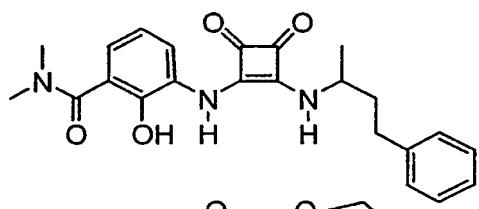
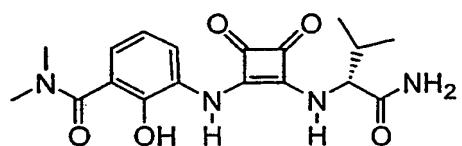
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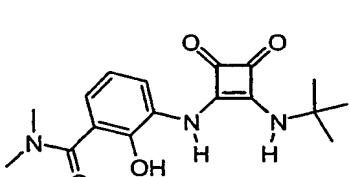
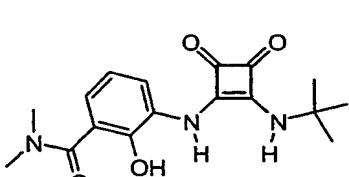
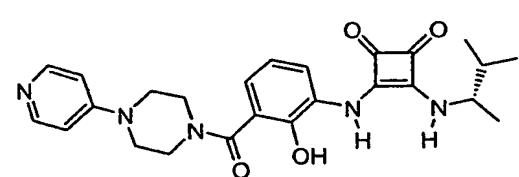
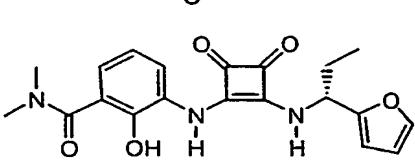
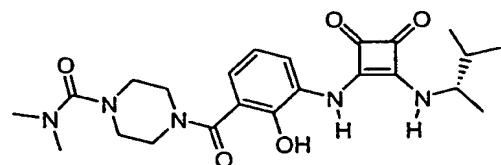
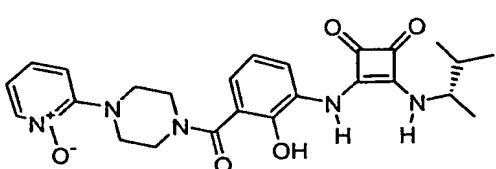
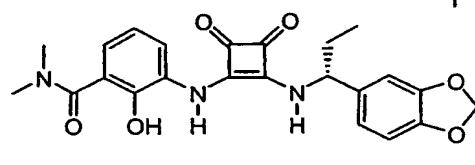
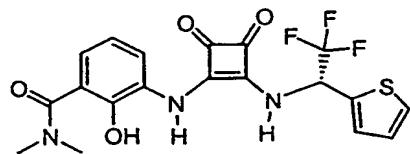
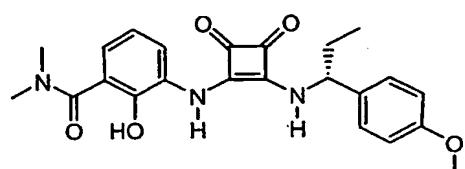
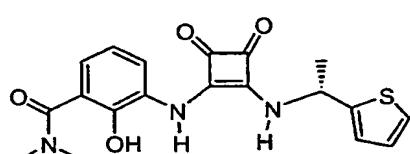
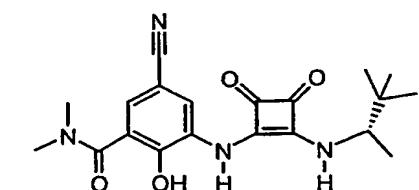
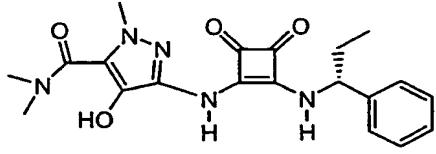
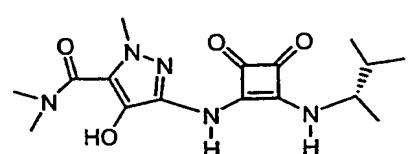
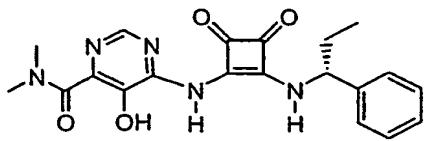
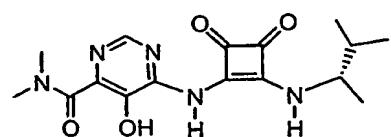
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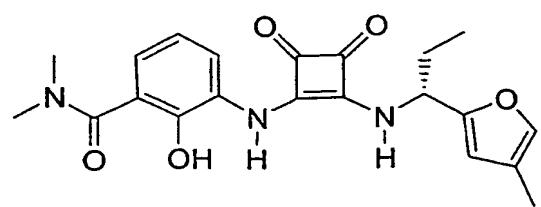
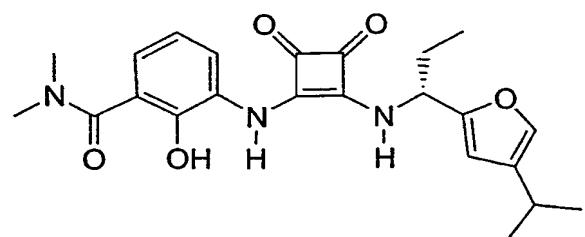
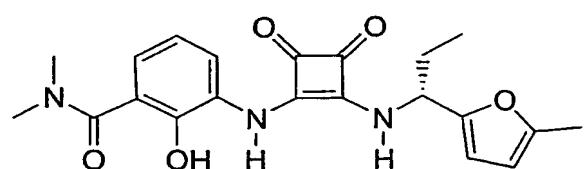
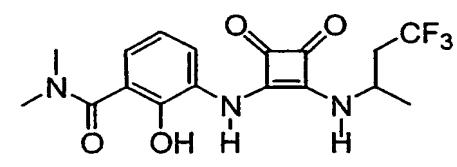
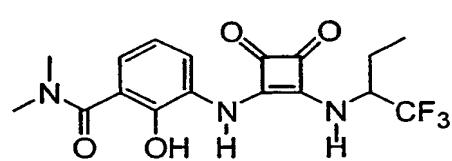
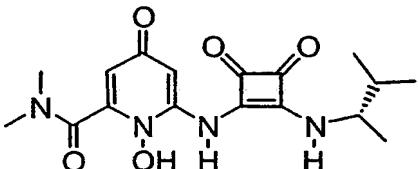
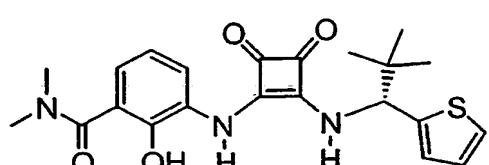
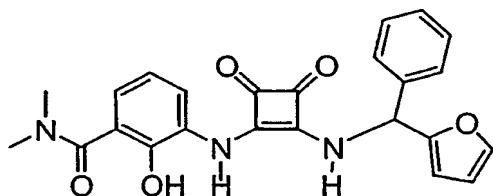
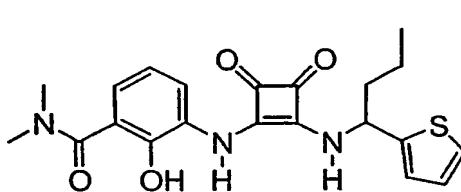


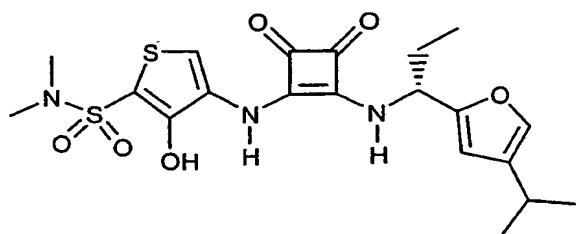
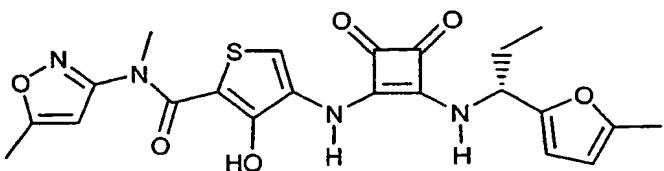
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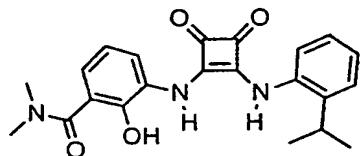
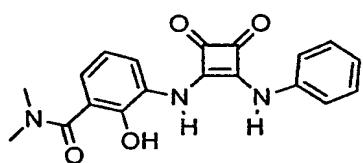
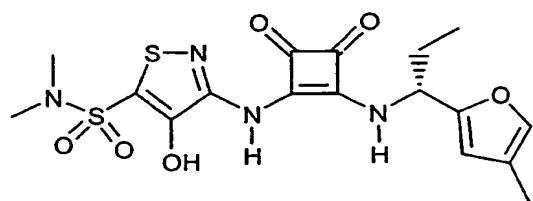
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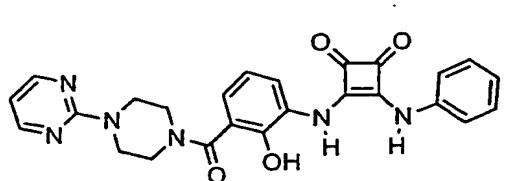
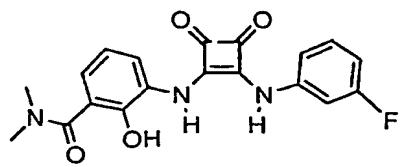
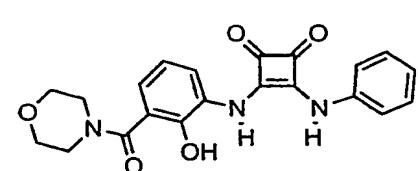
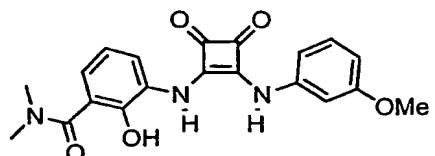




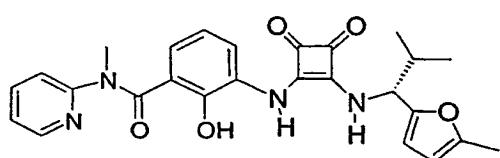
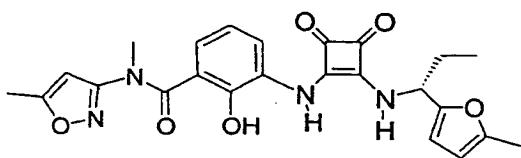
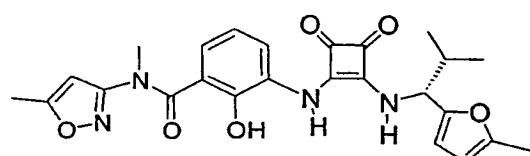
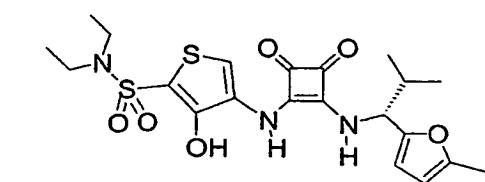
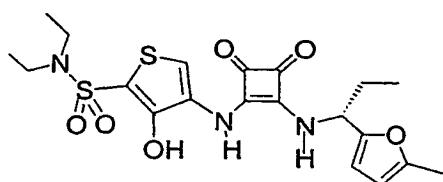
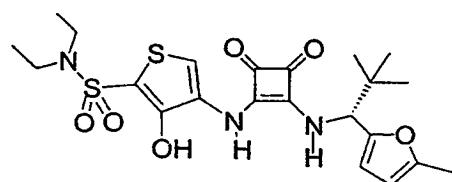
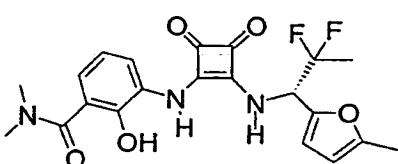
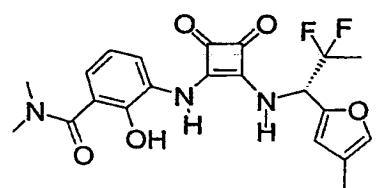
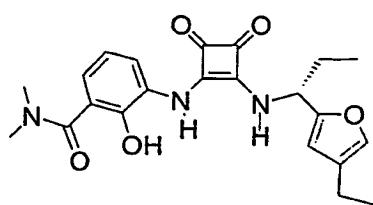
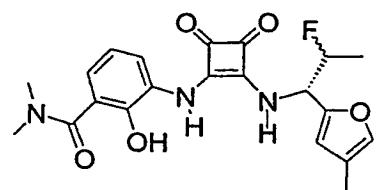
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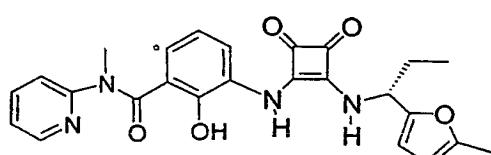
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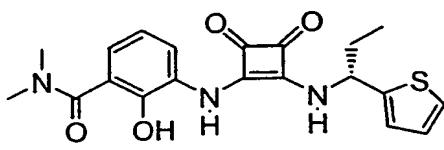
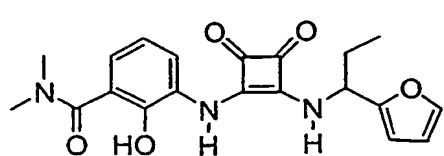
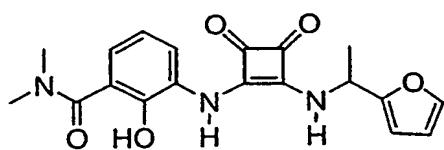
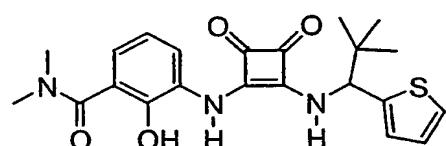
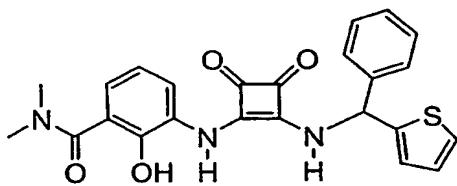
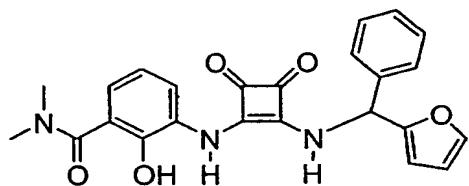
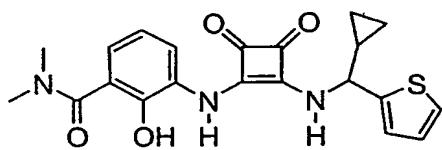
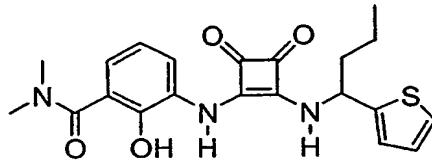
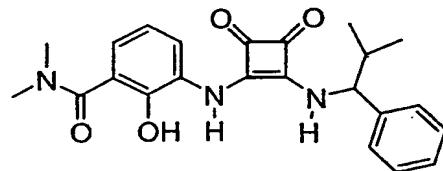
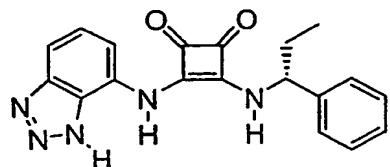
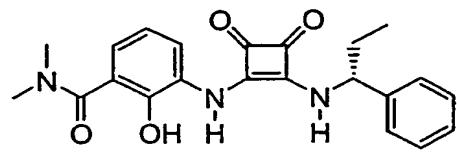
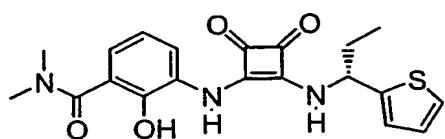
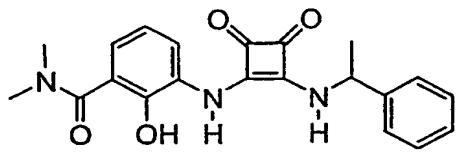
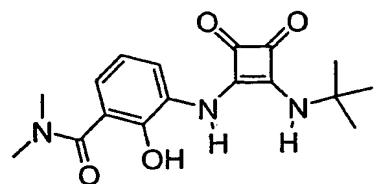
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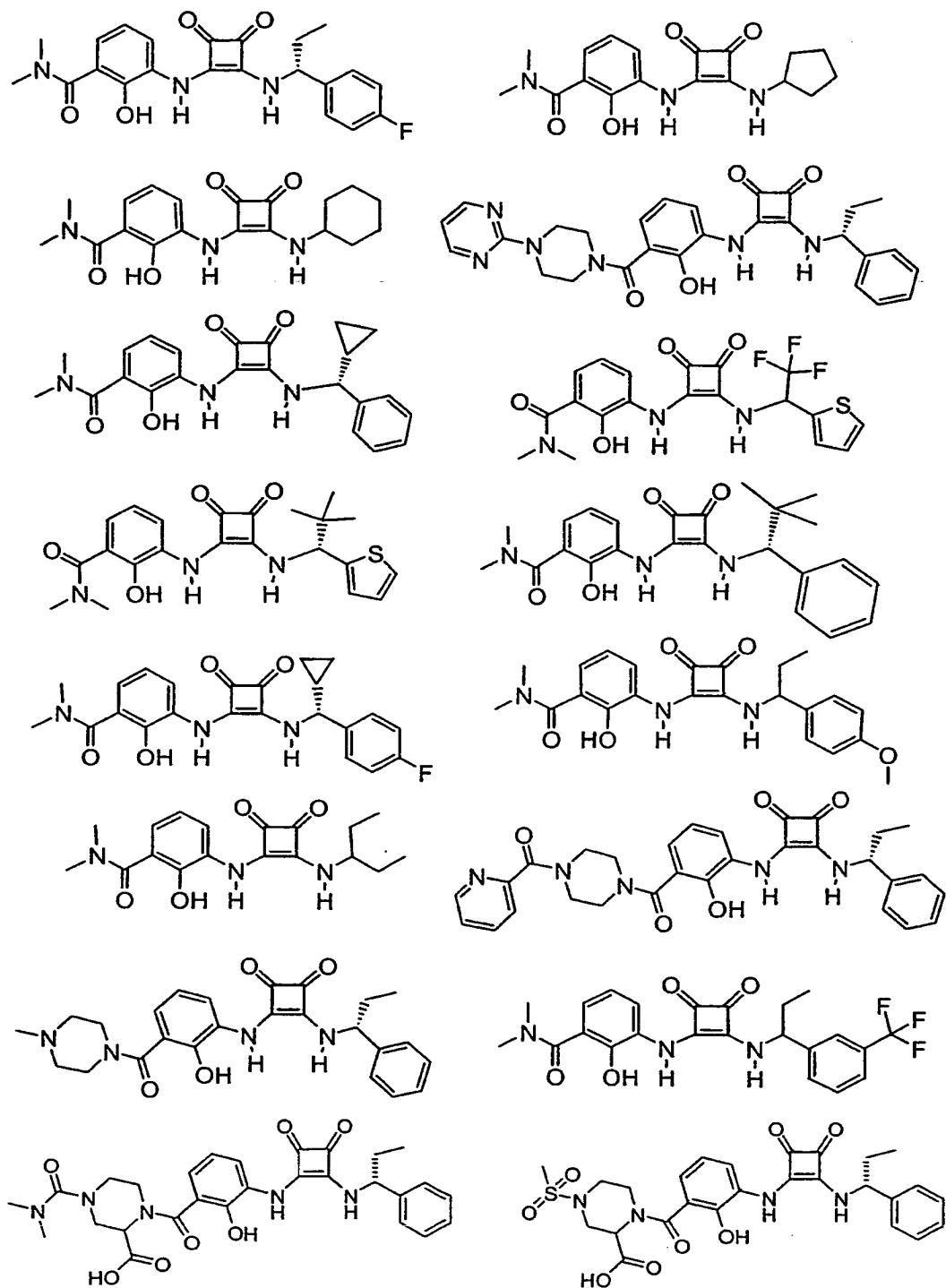


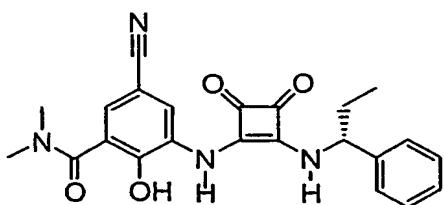
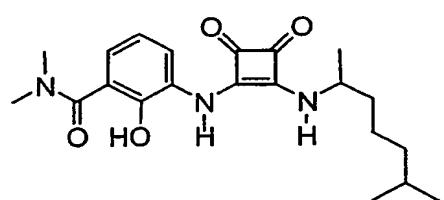
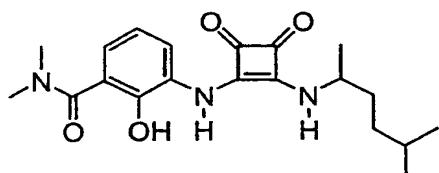
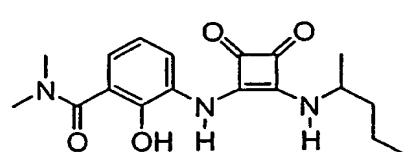
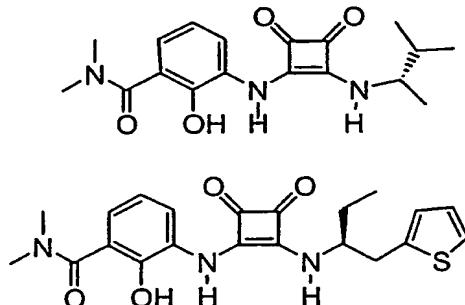
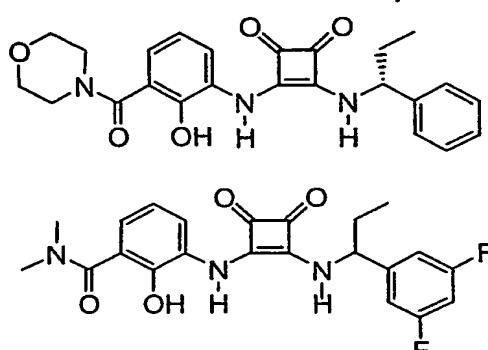
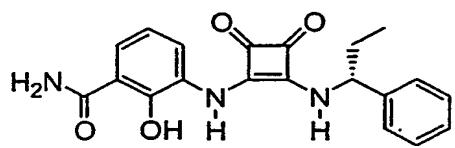
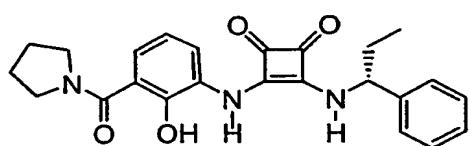
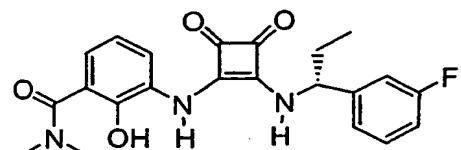
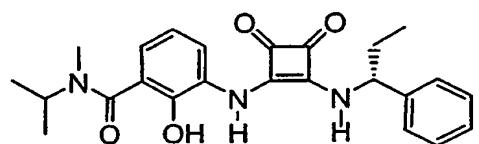
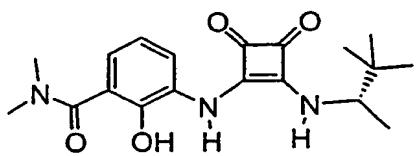
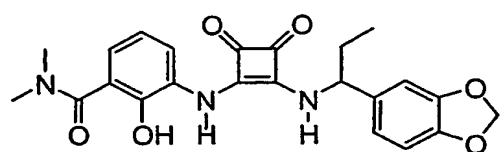
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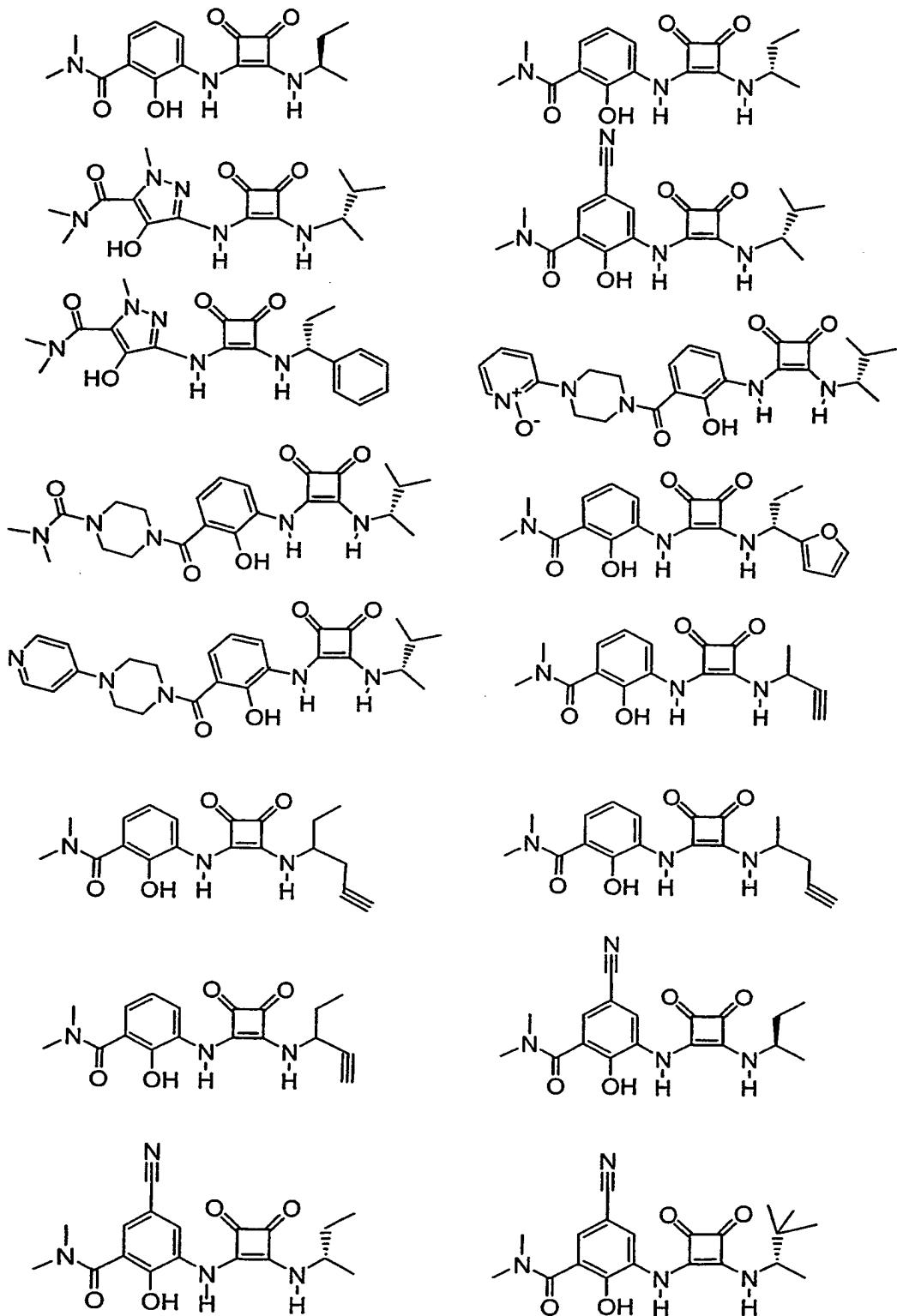
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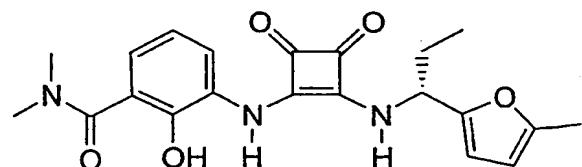
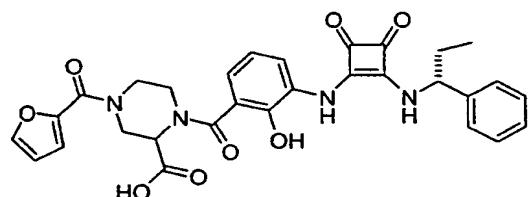
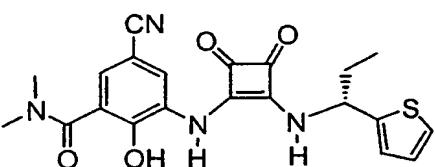
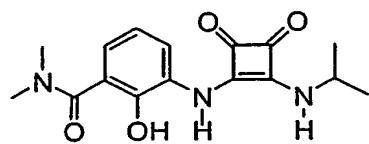
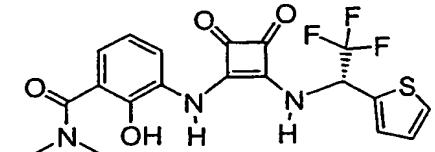
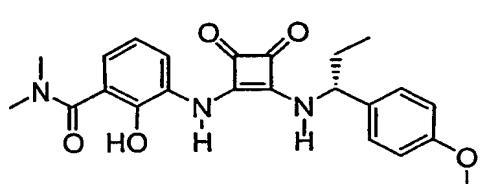
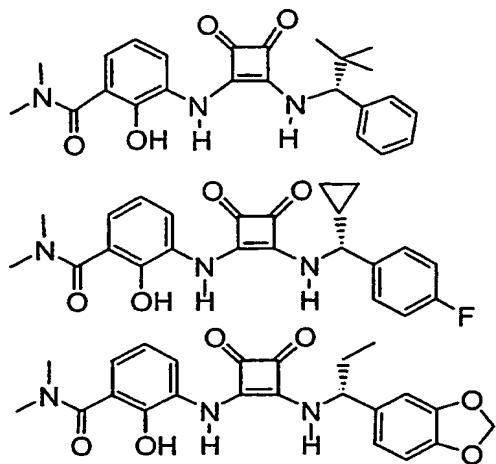
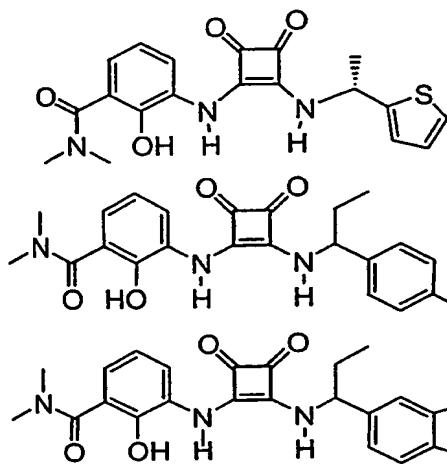


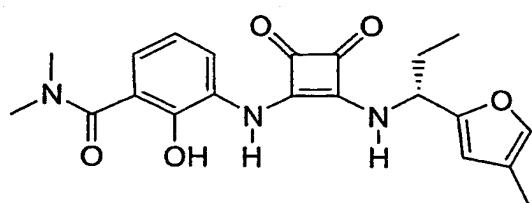
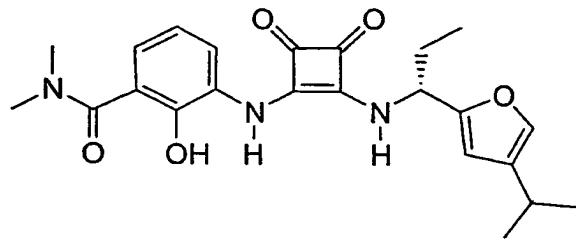


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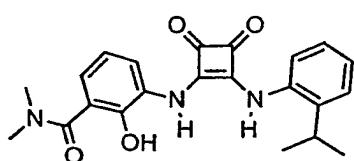
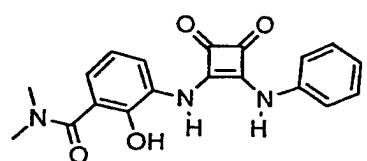
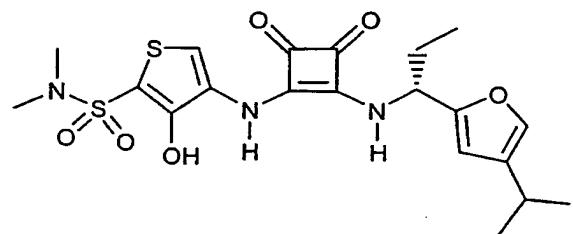
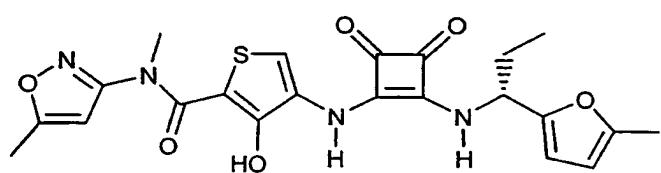


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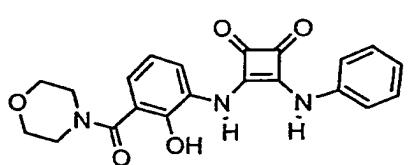
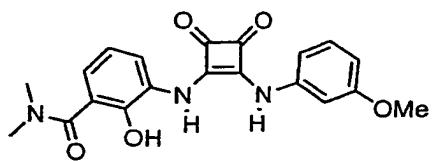


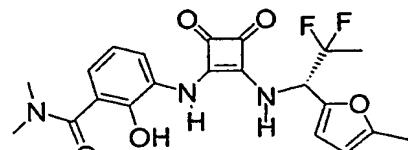
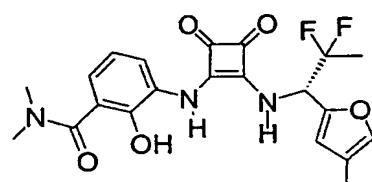
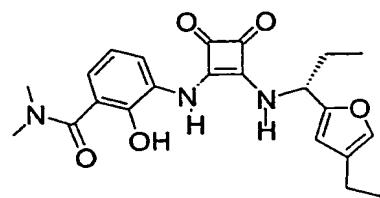
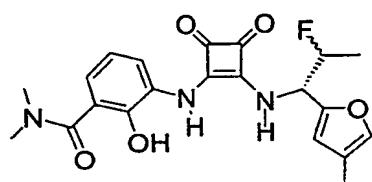
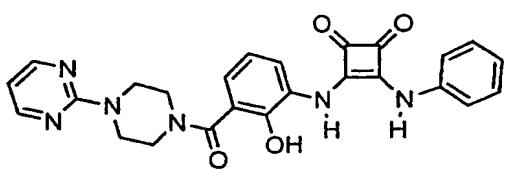
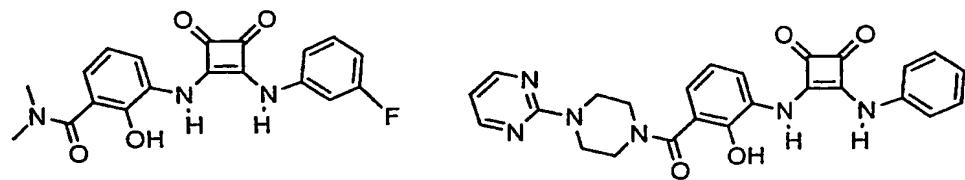


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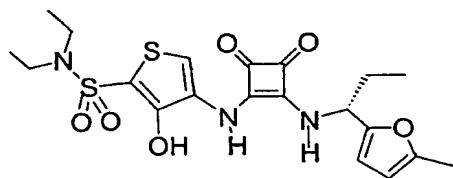
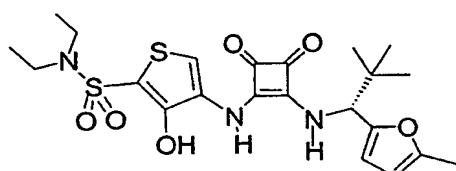


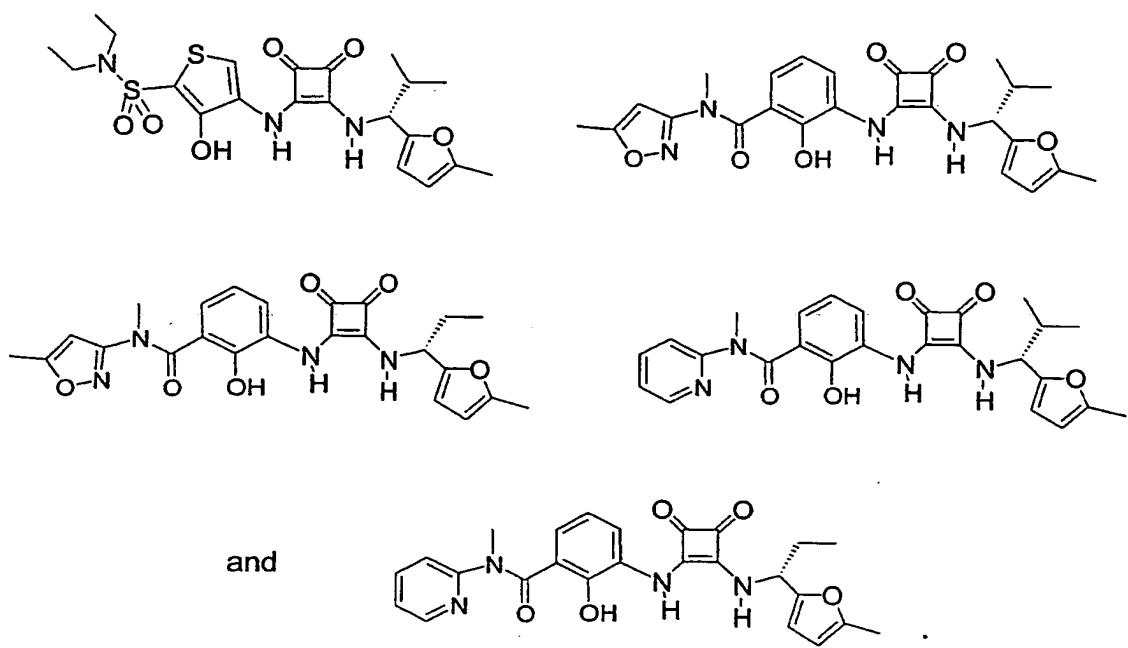
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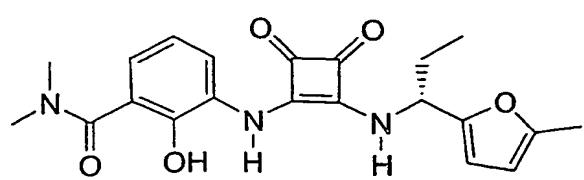
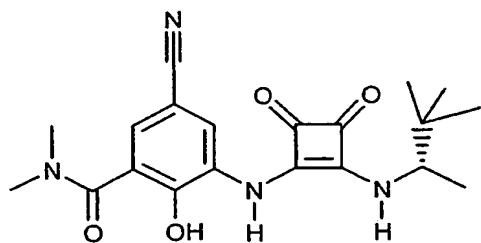
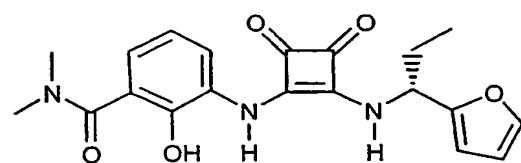
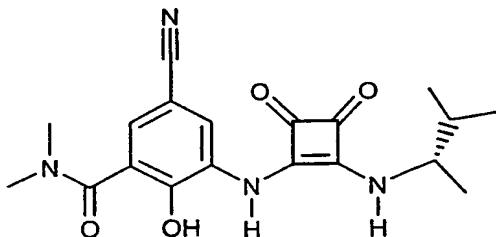
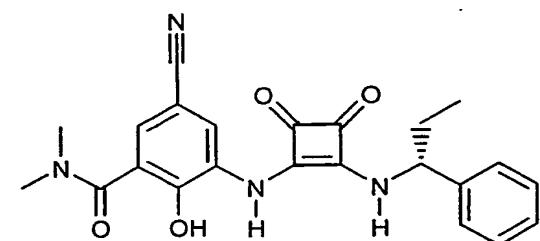
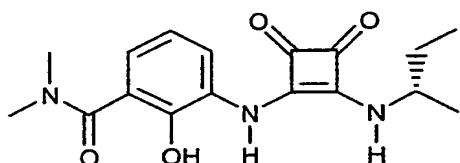
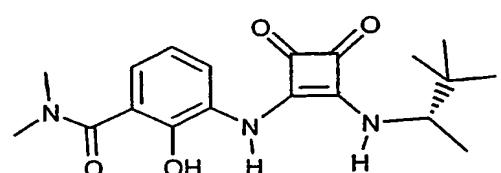
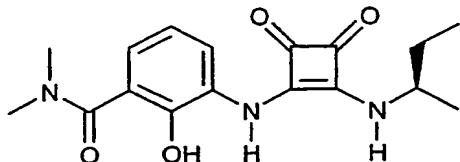
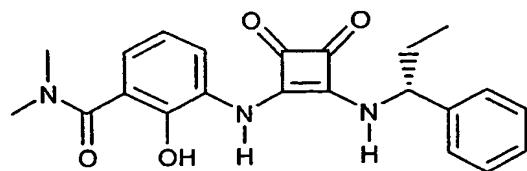


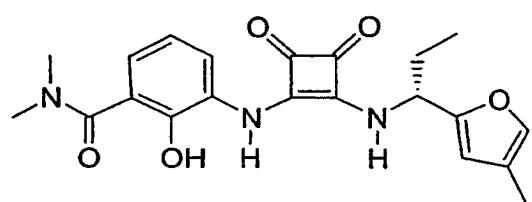
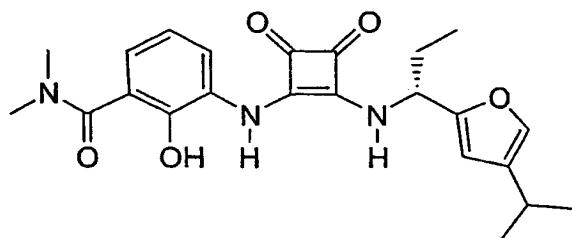
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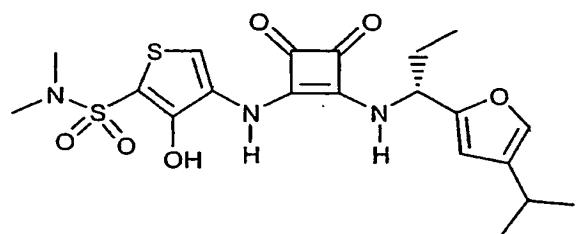
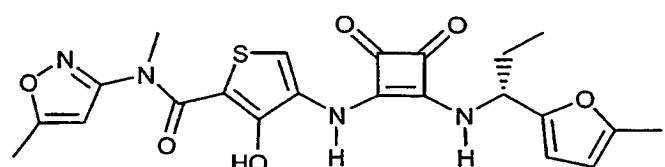


13. The use of claim 1 wherein said compounds of formula (I) are selected from the group consisting of:

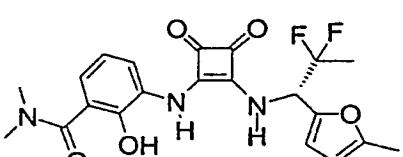
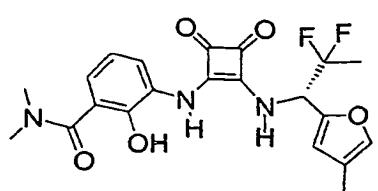
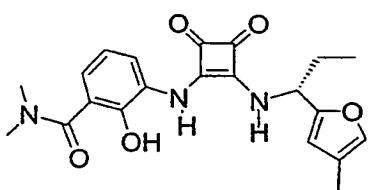
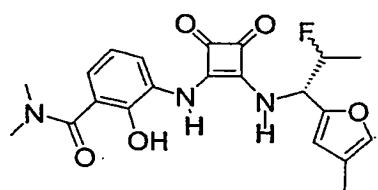


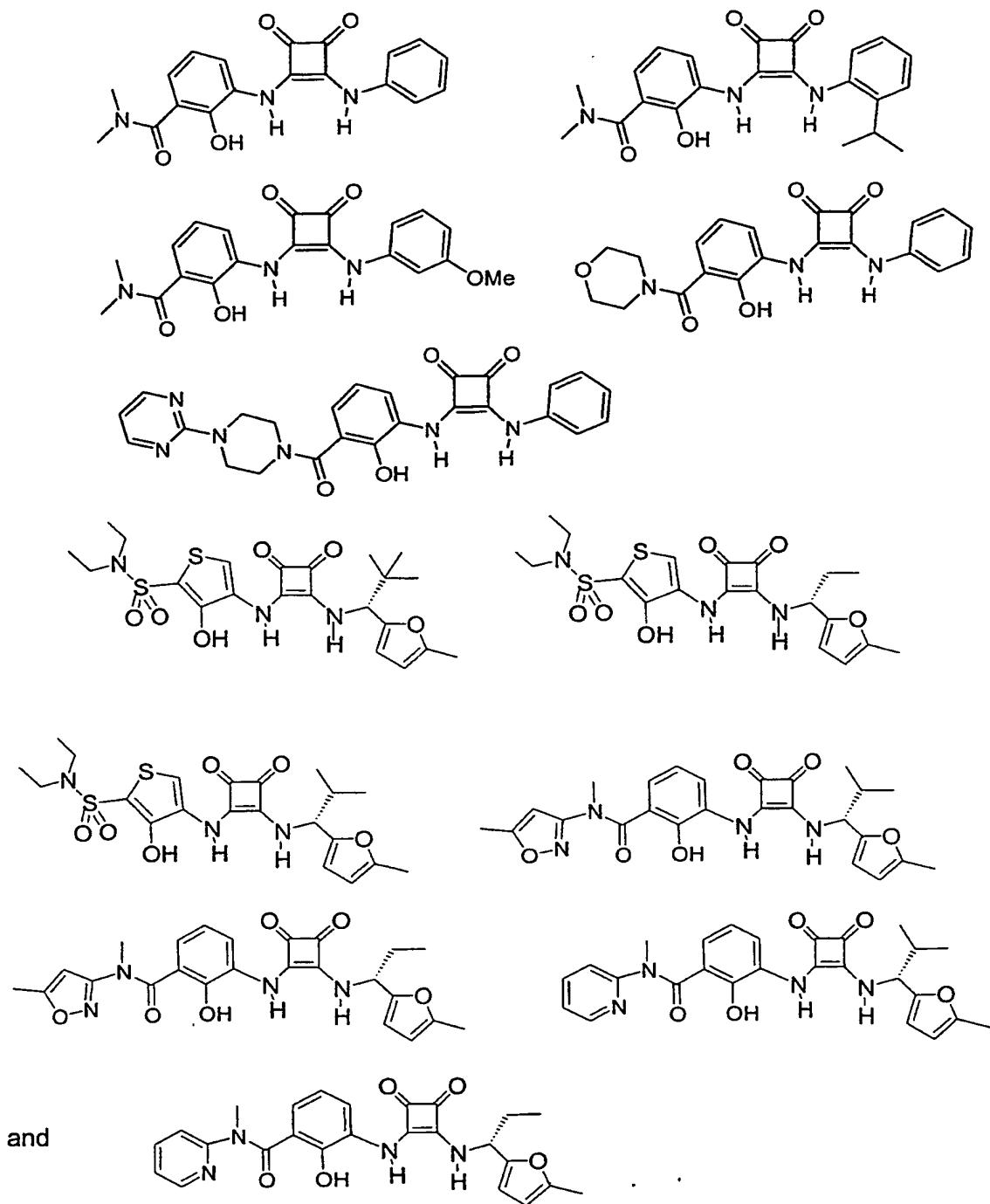


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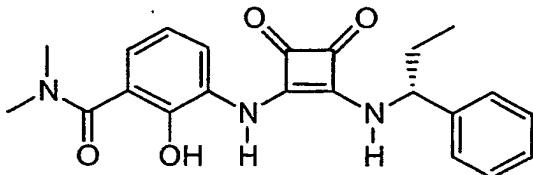


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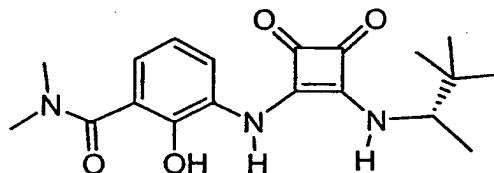


15. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



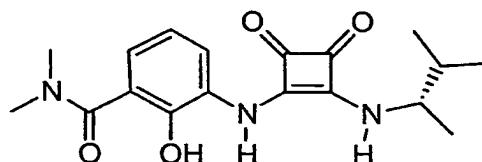
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

5 16. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



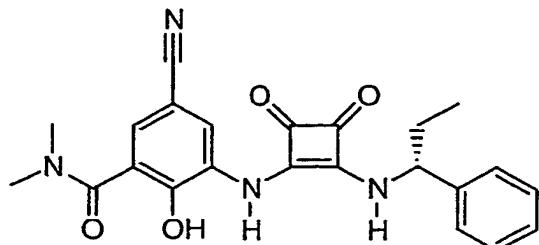
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

10 17. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



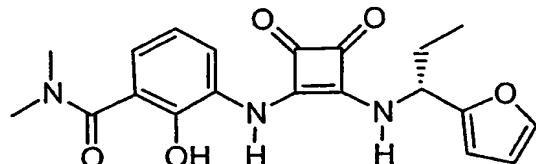
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

15 18. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



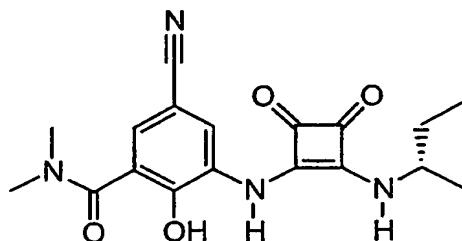
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

19. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

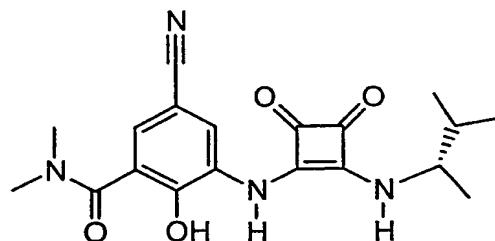
5 20. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

21. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:

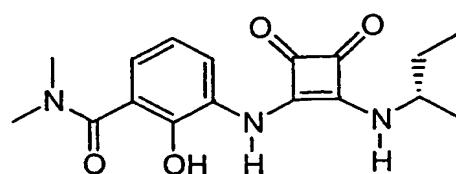
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

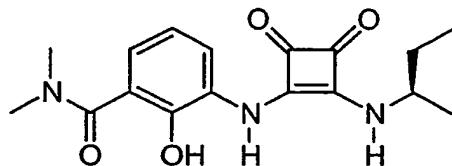
22. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:

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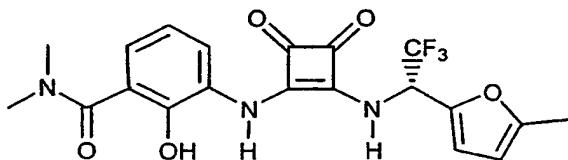
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

23. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



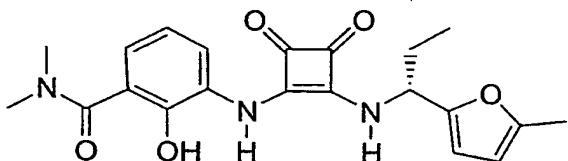
5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

24. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

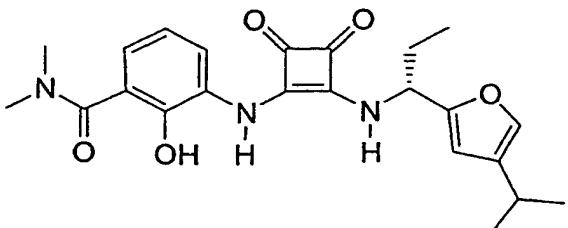
25. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

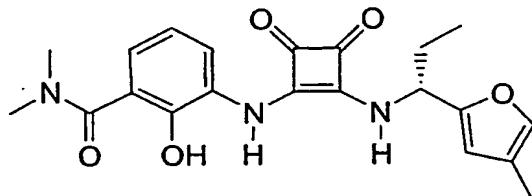
26. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



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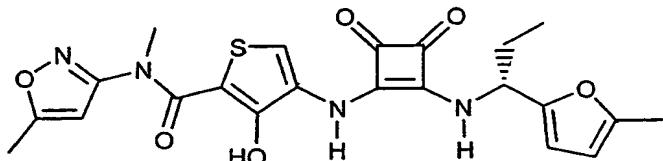
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

27. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

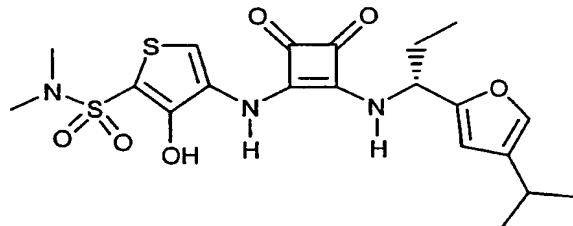
28. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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29. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:

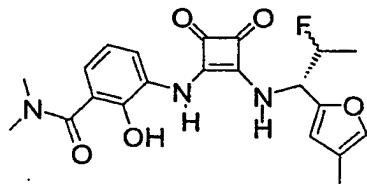


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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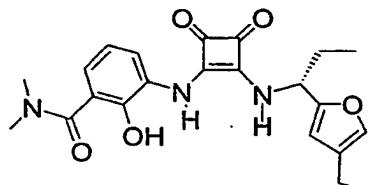
30. The use of Claim 25 wherein said compound is a calcium or sodium salt.

31. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



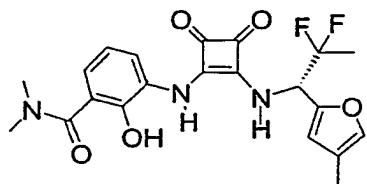
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

5 32. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

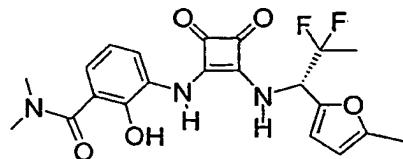
33. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

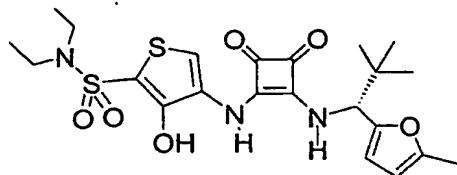
34. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



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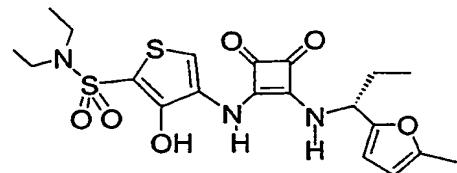
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

35. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



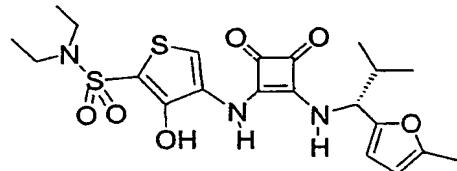
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

5 36. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

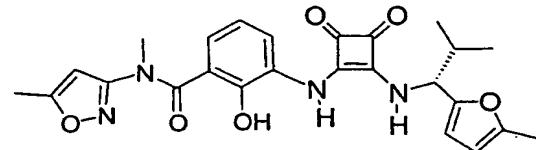
37. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



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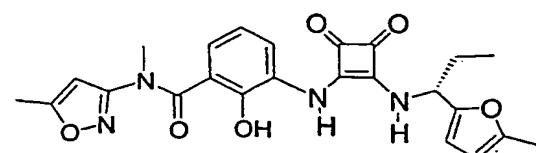
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

38. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



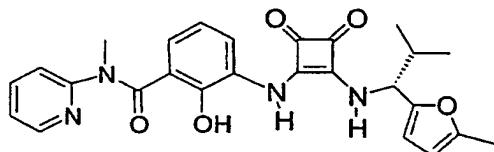
15 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

39. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



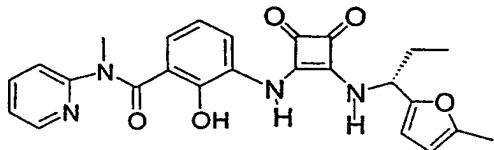
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

40. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

41. The use of Claim 1 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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42. The use of claim 1 wherein said drug, agent or therapeutic used in combination with said compounds of formula (I) is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) a disease modifying antirheumatic drug;
- (b) a nonsteroidal anitinflammatory drug;
- (c) a COX-2 selective inhibitor;
- (d) a COX-1 inhibitor;
- (e) an immunosuppressive;
- (f) a steroid;
- 15 (g) a biological response modifier and
- (h) other anti-inflammatory agents or therapeutics useful for the treatment of chemokine mediated diseases.

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43. The use of claim 42 wherein said disease modifying antirheumatic drug is selected from the group consisting of methotrexate, azathioprine, leflunomide, penicillamine, gold salts, mycophenolate, mofetil and cyclophosphamide.

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44. The use of claim 42 wherein said nonsteroidal anitinflammatory drug is selected from the group consisting of piroxicam, ketoprofen, naproxen, indomethacin, and ibuprofen.

5 45. The use of claim 42 wherein said COX-2 selective inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of rofecoxib and celecoxib.

46. The use of claim 42 wherein said COX-1 inhibitor is piroxicam.

10 47. The use of claim 42 wherein said immunosuppressive is selected from the group consisting of methotrexate, cyclosporin, leflunimide, tacrolimus, rapamycin and sulfasalazine.

15 48. The use of claim 42 wherein said steroid is selected from the group consisting of β -methasone, prednisone, cortisone, prednisolone and dexamethasone.

49. The use of claim 42 wherein said biological response modifier is selected from the group consisting of anti-TNF antagonists, IL-1 antagonists, anti-CD40, anti-CD28, IL-10 and anti-adhesion molecules.

20 50. The use of claim 42 wherein said other anti-inflammatory agents or therapeutics are selected from the group consisting of p38 kinase inhibitors, PDE4 inhibitors, TACE inhibitors, chemokine receptor antagonists, thalidomide, leukotriene inhibitors and other small molecule inhibitors of pro-inflammatory cytokine production.

25 51. The use of claim 1 wherein said chemokine mediated disease is selected from the group consisting of psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, asthma, COPD, adult respiratory disease, arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, septic shock, endotoxic shock, gram negative sepsis, toxic shock syndrome, stroke, cardiac and renal reperfusion injury, glomerulonephritis, thrombosis, Alzheimer's disease, graft vs. host reaction, allograft rejections, malaria, acute respiratory distress syndrome, delayed type hypersensitivity reaction, atherosclerosis, cerebral and cardiac ischemia, osteoarthritis, multiple sclerosis,

restinosis, angiogenesis, osteoporosis, gingivitis, respiratory viruses, herpes viruses, hepatitis viruses, HIV, Kaposi's sarcoma associated virus, meningitis, cystic fibrosis, pre-term labor, cough, pruritis, multi-organ dysfunction, trauma, strains, sprains, contusions, psoriatic arthritis, herpes, encephalitis, CNS vasculitis, traumatic brain
5 injury, CNS tumors, subarachnoid hemorrhage, post surgical trauma, interstitial pneumonitis, hypersensitivity, crystal induced arthritis, acute and chronic pancreatitis, acute alcoholic hepatitis, necrotizing enterocolitis, chronic sinusitis, angiogenic ocular disease, ocular inflammation, retinopathy of prematurity, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration with the wet type preferred and corneal neovascularization,
10 polymyositis, vasculitis, acne, gastric and duodenal ulcers, celiac disease, esophagitis, glossitis, airflow obstruction, airway hyperresponsiveness, bronchiectasis, bronchiolitis, bronchiolitis obliterans, chronic bronchitis, cor pulmonae, cough, dyspnea, emphysema, hypercapnea, hyperinflation, hypoxemia, hyperoxia-induced inflammations, hypoxia, surgical lung volume reduction, pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary
15 hypertension, right ventricular hypertrophy, peritonitis associated with continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD), granulocytic ehrlichiosis, sarcoidosis, small airway disease, ventilation-perfusion mismatching, wheeze, colds, gout, alcoholic liver disease, lupus, burn therapy, periodontitis and early transplantation.

20 52. The use of claim 1 wherein said chemokine mediated disease is a pulmonary disease and said one or more drugs, agents or therapeutics are selected from the group consisting of: glucocorticoids, 5-lipoxygenase inhibitors, β -2 adrenoceptor agonists, muscarinic M1 and M3 antagonists, muscarinic M2 agonists, NK3 antagonists, LTB4 antagonists, cysteinyl leukotriene antagonists,
25 bronchodilators, PDE4 inhibitors, PDE inhibitors, elastase inhibitors, MMP inhibitors, phospholipase A2 inhibitors, phospholipase D inhibitors, histamine H1 antagonists, histamine H3 antagonists, dopamine agonists, adenosine A2 agonists, NK1 and NK2 antagonists, GABA-b agonists, nociceptin agonists, expectorants, mucolytic agents, decongestants, antioxidants, anti-IL-8 anti-bodies, anti-IL-5 antibodies, anti-IgE
30 antibodies, anti-TNF antibodies, IL-10, adhesion molecule inhibitors, and growth hormones.

53. The use of claim 52 wherein said pulmonary disease is COPD, asthma or cystic fibrosis.

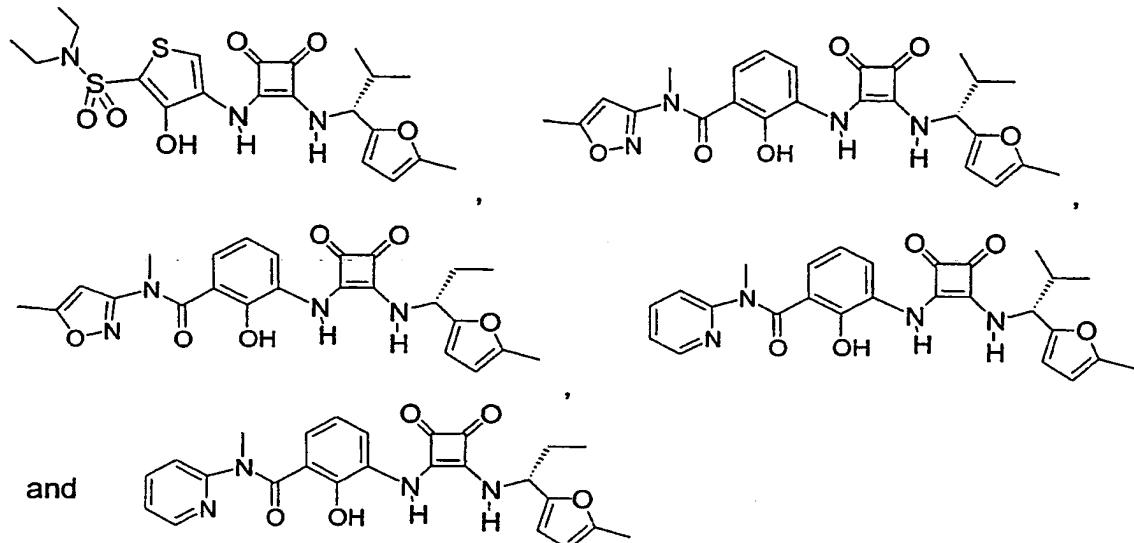
54. The use of claim 1 wherein said chemokine mediated disease is multiple sclerosis and said one or more drugs, agents or therapeutics are selected from the group consisting of methotrexate, cyclosporin, leflunimide, sulfasalazine, β -methasone, β -interferon, glatiramer acetate, prednisone, etanercept, and infliximab.

10 55. The use of claim 1 wherein said chemokine mediated disease is rheumatoid arthritis and said one or more drugs, agents or therapeutics are selected from the group consisting of a COX-2 inhibitor, a COX inhibitor, an immunosuppressive, a steroid, a PDE IV inhibitor, an anti-TNF- α compound, MMP inhibitors, glucocorticoids, chemokine inhibitors, CB2-selective inhibitors, and other classes of compounds indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

15 56. The use of claim 1 wherein said chemokine mediated disease is stroke and cardiac reperfusion injury and said one or more drugs, agents or therapeutics are selected from the group consisting of thrombolitics, antiplatelet agents, gpIIb/IIIa antagonist, anticoagulants, other compounds indicated for the treatment of rheumatoid 20 arthritis and formulations thereof.

25 57. The use of claim 1 wherein said chemokine mediated disease is stroke and cardiac reperfusion injury and said one or more drugs, agents or therapeutics are selected from the group consisting of tenecteplase, TPA, alteplase, abciximab, eptifibatide, heparin and formulations thereof.

58. A compound of selected from the group consisting of:

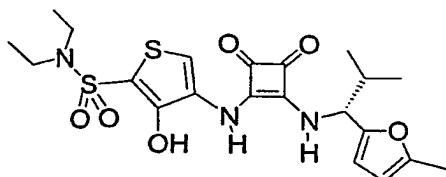


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

5 59. The compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is a sodium salt.

60. The compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is a calcium salt.

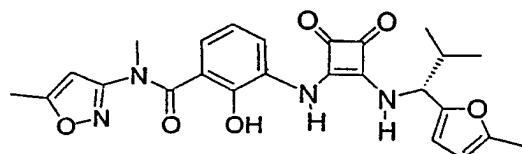
61. The compound of Claim 58 wherein said compound is:



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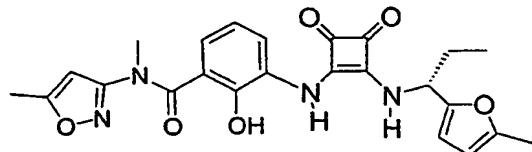
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

62. The compound of Claim 58 wherein said compound is:



15 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

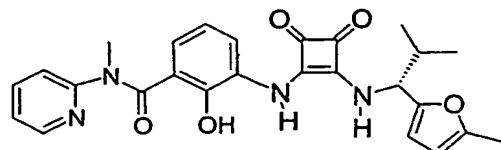
63. The compound of Claim 58 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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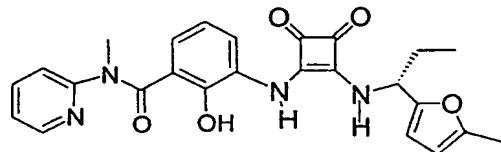
64. The compound of Claim 58 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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65. The compound of Claim 58 wherein said compound is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 1-60 (partially) because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-60 (partially)

Present claims 1-65 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds and uses. In fact, the claims contain so many options and possible permutations that a lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible.

Additionally, the present claims relate to diseases defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely chemokine-mediated diseases.

The claims cover all diseases having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of diseases known to act via this mechanism. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to combinations of the cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione derivatives of Formula I (as defined in claim 1) with the agents as defined in claims 42-50 for the treatment of the diseases listed in claim 51.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.